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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Martha Stewart sentencing:** Martha Stewart and her former stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, will be sentenced separately Friday in New York, a clerk for the sentencing judge said Tuesday.

Stewart will be sentenced at 10 a.m. and Bacanovic will be sentenced at 2:30 p.m., a clerk for U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum said. Both sentences had previously been scheduled for 10 a.m.

Each defendant is expected to get 10 to 16 months in prison.

## World

**Terror suspects:** Sept. 11 suspects Abdelghani Mzoudi and Mounir el Motassadeh will fight an attempt by German authorities to deport them to their native Morocco, their attorneys said Tuesday.

Both men, who were accused by prosecutors of providing logistical support to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell that included suicide hijackers Mohammed Atti, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah, were served with notice Monday that Hamburg intends to deport them.

**Accused deserter:** Japanese doctors have been dispatched to examine an accused U.S. Army deserter meeting with his Japanese wife in Indonesia, Japan's top government spokesman said Tuesday.

Japanese officials in Indonesia said they were considering sending Charles Jenkins, who has lived in North Korea since 1965, to Japan for medical treatment. They refused to say what prompted the announcement but acknowledged that Jenkins had been taken to a Jakarta hospital Tuesday for a medical examination.

Jenkins' wife, Hitomi Soga, was kidnapped by North Korean agents in 1978 and taken to the communist country. She met Jenkins there and married, and the couple has two daughters.

Soga was permitted to return to Japan in 2002 after a Japan-North Korea summit, but Jenkins remained behind with his daughters. Japanese officials arranged a reunion in Indonesia, which has no extradition treaty with the United States.

**Hong Kong democracy movement:** Pro-democracy lawmakers on Tuesday accused Hong Kong's leader of "planting a time bomb" in the territory by ignoring people's desires for freedom, in their first question-and-answer session since a massive pro-democracy rally on July 1.

Chief Executive Tung Chee-ha responded



**Chechen unrest:** A damaged car in Chechnya's acting president's motorcade is seen in a televised image Tuesday after an explosion hit the motorcade in Grozny, the Chechen capital. A roadside explosive tore through the motorcade, killing a guard, on Tuesday just two months after Chechnya's previous leader was killed by a bomb at a stadium, officials said. Sergei Abramov, who was appointed to lead the Kremlin-backed Chechen government after the May 9 assassination of Akhmad Kadyrov, was not injured.

ed by saying he has listened to the people's views but must follow Beijing's instructions.

**Japanese election:** Japanese Cabinet ministers and ruling party officials said Tuesday a weekend electoral setback would not derail Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's reform policies.

Shinzo Abe, the No. 2 official in Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party, spoke after meeting with senior party leaders to assess the outcome of Sunday's parliamentary polls, in which the opposition Democrats captured the most votes of any single party.

**Bali bombing:** The failure of U.S. authorities to alert Australia to a terror warning ahead of the deadly Bali bombings that killed 88 Australians was "an oversight," the government said Tuesday.

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a statement to Australian Broadcasting Corp. television that it had gleaned intelligence on possible terror attacks aimed at targets such as bars and nightclubs frequented by Westerners in Southeast Asia.

**Madrid attacks:** Intelligence reports examined Tuesday by Spanish lawmakers investigating Madrid's train bombings indicated that police found evidence pointing to Islamic militants hours earlier than they had announced, members of the panel said.

The closed-door session marked the start

of the second week of Parliament's inquiry into the March 11 attack that killed 190 people and injured more than 2,000.

**Aid for Kenya:** Light rains and the resulting poor harvests means some 1.8 million Kenyans will need food aid over the next six months, according to a new report by U.N., Kenyan and international aid officials. Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki's office warned Tuesday the number could climb to 3 million.

Farmers from the Rift Valley in central Kenya to the country's Indian Ocean coast have experienced "near total" crop failure because rains this year were "much below normal in quantity and were also poorly distributed," said the report by the Kenya Food Security Steering Group, which includes U.N., Kenyan government and international aid groups.

**Alleged anti-Semite attack:** Just days after claiming to have been the victim of a cruel anti-Semitic attack that stunned France, a young mother confessed she fabricated the story, authorities said Tuesday.

The woman had claimed she was robbed on a suburban train Friday by a knife-wielding gang that mistook her for a Jew and scrawled swastikas on her body. Police could find no clues or witnesses and took the woman in for questioning.

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# Navy has them coming in for a landing

## Training is vital, journalists told

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Navy flew 20 Japanese journalists this week to the small, sulfurous island where U.S. Marines killed almost 20,000 of their forebears some 60 years ago in one of World War II's fiercest, bloodiest battles.

The journalists viewed the black-sand beaches where all those Japanese soldiers had gone down fighting rather than surrender in the face of an overwhelming American force and be disgraced. They saw the memorial commemorating the U.S. Marines who fought there in 1942-43 and more than 20,000 wounded — before finally raising the U.S. flag on Mount Suribachi.

And the journalists bowed and placed bouquets of flowers they'd brought, along with their cameras, at a shrine where incense wafted in the air almost as strongly as the sulfur emanating from the ground.

But Commander, Naval Forces Japan didn't take the media group to Iwo Jima for a history lesson.

Instead, the visit had to do with a current defense issue that is among the thorniest and most persistent irritants between the United States and Japanese governments: night landing practice, or NLP, and the "heart-stopping" noise, as one aviator described it, the jets make.

"It was an education and orientation visit...to make sure they understood the lengths we go to mitigate the noise, and to siphon these high-tempo operations down to Iwo Jima," said Cmdr. John Wallach, CNFJ spokesman.

The isolated, somewhat desolate island about 750 miles from Carrier Air Wing 5's home base of Atsugi Naval Air Facility has, since 1991, been where many of the air wing's 100 fighters have practiced their touch-and-go over a period of about 10 days, no more than 10 days before deploying on the USS Kitty Hawk.

But although Iwo Jima is suitable for NLP because it's uninhabited except for a small number of Japanese Self-Defense Forces, it is less than ideal in several other regards, Navy officials told the journalists.

It's far from the home base, has only one runway and is subject to sudden bursts of bad weather. Those factors, as well as the limited



T.D. FLACK/Stars and Stripes

**Members of the Japanese press cover the Iwo Jima landing of an F-18F Super Hornet on Monday. The Navy set up the event to explain the importance of the service's night landing practice and address concerns about noise.**

time window and the number of aviators who must complete the practice, each making several passes on three days and three nights, make it impossible for all of the training to be done there.

So some of it still is done at Atsugi, in an area where some 510,000 people live nearby. Wallach described the base there as like "having a landing strip in the middle of Queens."

"I know exactly how bad the noise is," said Capt. Larry "Dobie" Gillis, a former squadron commander, now CNFJ operations officer, who gave a talk to the journalists. "The plates would rattle. Every body would dive for cover."

Each time NLP occurs, government officials from nearby localities present letters to Navy officials to protest the noise. "It's very formal," Gillis said. "Either I or the admiral take the letter and say, 'We have taken the letter, we understand and we will do all in our power' to help."

In some years when NLP has been apportioned out to Misawa and Yokota air bases and Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, some cities briefly have suspended friendly relations with the Navy in protest.

At Atsugi, Wallach says, only the "quieter" planes — E-2 Hawkeyes, C-200Ds, S-3Bs and a few propeller planes — do NLP. Also to lessen

the noise for Atsugi residents, officials said, fewer planes fly the landing pattern, at a far higher altitude than they do on approach to the Kitty Hawk.

Any other alteration would compromise safety, Gillis said, and so can't be done. "You put on more restraints, the mishap risk goes up," he said. "We've already reduced the amount of flying to the bottom level we can."

What can be done?

If the Navy had its way, officials have indicated, an outlying field 100 miles or so from Atsugi would be found, a place where aviators could train year-round without bothering people. Iwakuni sometimes has been mentioned as such a place; work on a runway there over the water is ongoing. But Iwakuni's residents already have complained loudly about noise.

"There are no easy solutions," Gillis said.

All the difficulties were on hold for a while Monday as journalists were bused to the runway and began enthusiastically snapping photos just a few yards from where Atsugi's new Super Hornets screamed into view, touched their wheels on the runway and roared off to do it again. It was loud but thrilling, and that was just the daytime landings.

The journalists, after dinner in the Iwo Jima mess hall, again were

bused to the runway to watch the NLP just as the sun set and the sky turned from pink to indigo. Super Hornets lit by red, amber and green lights streaked into view and thundered off again, one after the other, every 60 seconds.

Makoto Kichiji, for one, was impressed. "After [watching] the demonstration flight, I keenly felt the need for training," said Kichiji, an editor at a major Japanese monthly magazine. "I could agree with the explanation by the military officer that insufficient training put crewmembers' lives at risk."

In the end, Kichiji said, he came away believing that training at Atsugi is necessary for now but that the Japanese government should conduct a study to find an alternative site and determine the cost to move the training there.

But, he added, one thing lacking from the presentation was a clear explanation of why Japan is responsible for providing the training site for the Navy.

"Cooperation between Japan and U.S. was necessary under the alliance and it will be necessary in the future as well," he said. "But without sufficient explanation, understanding and support from people, including local residents, it will not be possible."

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## Yokota gate reopens

The Yokota Air Base East Gate reopened Tuesday to all traffic after receiving a force-protection upgrade, base officials said.

That effort now shifts to the South Gate, which had served as a temporary entry point but was closed Tuesday.

Fussa Gate will be shut down to vehicular traffic Aug. 24 to Dec. 31 while workers complete the upgrades. The closure isn't expected to affect pedestrians, officials said.

The supply gate will be open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. during the Fussa Gate renovation.

## Gray No. 1 at 374th

The 374th Maintenance Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan, conducted a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Brent Polglase turned over leadership to Maj. Trevor Gray, who comes to Yokota having completed the Air Command and Staff College course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Polglase is forced to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, where he'll serve as the 373rd Training Squadron commander.

Last year, the 374th earned high marks in C-130 engine reliability, ranking as the Air Force's best in the third and fourth quarters for its work with the T56-7 engine.

"There's a lot of pride and professionalism in this squadron," Gray said, and they have a time-honored tradition.

## Windsurfers wanted

Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan's Morale Welfare and Recreation department will host a windsurfing trip at Zushi, Japan, on Sunday. Departure time is 9 a.m. Participants must sign up due to a limited class size and be at least 17 years old with a parent or legal guardian. The course is \$95 and covers transportation, windsurfing board and classroom/water instructions.

Sign up by Friday and ID card holders are limited to one guest only. Contact outdoor recreation at DSN: 264-6205 to sign up or for information.

From staff reports

# Boy Scouts group recognized for growing membership

Stars and Stripes

The Far East Council, the body that oversees Boy Scouts in the region, earned the "Chief Scout Executive's Winner's Circle" award for the second year in a row.

The award, announced by the council last week, recognizes a council's membership growth over the previous year.

"This recognition, based on growth in the number of young people served by

## Serving throughout Pacific theater, Far East Council wins for 2nd year in a row following 3 percent bump

the council, is important as a measure of making scouting available to our communities," said Dan Hesseman, council president, in a written statement.

The council, based at Camp Zama, Japan, serves Scouts in Japan, South Korea and Okinawa. It grew total membership by 3 percent last year.

The Far East Council was founded in 1945 and serves 3,300 boys and high school-age students. This year, 33 of the 60 councils in the western region earned the award.

"With a gain in packs, troops, crews and posts, our youth have more opportunities to join scouting, or to continue in the

program when they arrive at their new duty station," said Guy Eichsteadt, scout executive, in a statement. "Scouting, especially during the high PCS season, is very valuable in helping boys and families adjust to their new surroundings."

The council is searching for alumni. Any adult Eagle Scout or former scout with the council is asked to contact them at: boyscout@zama.army.mil.

For information about the council's programs contact the same e-mail address or visit the Web site [www.fareastbsa.org](http://www.fareastbsa.org).

# 'Sea Swap' considered for sailors in Bahrain

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy's experimental "Sea Swap" program could be expanded to sailors serving in Bahrain who recently said goodbye to families evacuated because of risks of possible terrorist attacks.

Navy leaders are looking at how they might "do Sea Swap" with the crew in Bahrain so we not have to leave them from their families for a long period of time," Vice Adm. Timothy LaFleur, commander Naval Sur-

## Navy leaders could extend program as crew's families are evacuated

face Force Pacific Fleet, said Tuesday.

As of Tuesday, more than half of the nearly 1,000 dependents being evacuated as part of a mandatory relocation order had left Bahrain, with the remaining slated to be out by next week, a defense official said.

The evacuation order is for one month, and then the situation and threat conditions will be re-evaluated before families can return, the official said.

The Sea Swap program of leaving destroyers out at sea and swapping crews on and off the vessels has been hailed as an overall success by the Navy and the Center for Naval Analyses, a Navy-sponsored think tank, which Tuesday released its study of the program.

The CNA review included results of a quality-of-life survey that highlighted a possible snag in the program when it comes to sailors' desires to re-enlist.

"Survey results indicated that the sailors protested the implicit changes in Navy culture and the extra work," reads a portion of the CNA report. "There were frequent claims that Sea Swap was generally bad for morale. Preliminary retention data show a negative effect on re-enlistment rates."

However, Navy leaders from two of the participating ships, the USS Higgins and Fletcher, chal-

lenged the CNA reporting, saying their crews were seeing retention rates and plans in the 70-plus percent range.

"We've not seen a drop off in retention," said Cmdr. Roy Kitchen, commanding officer of the USS Higgins. "Ask a sailor on my ship on any given day, and the answer could be different... But at this point, we haven't seen [a fall in retention]."

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## Gitmo detainees informed of rights to use U.S. courts

BY ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials have issued a document notifying terrorism suspects held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that they may use American courts to contest their detention, the Pentagon said.

The 594 detainees also were informed, in the same one-page document issued Monday, that they would be allowed to appear before a military panel to challenge their status as "enemy combatants."

That designation, the Bush administration says, gives it the power to hold the detainees indefinitely without access to lawyers.

A process for panels of military officers to consider whether detainees are properly held as "enemy combatants" was developed after a June 28 Supreme Court decision that allows detainees to challenge their imprisonment in federal courts.

The notice given to detainees Monday does not mention the Supreme Court but states that U.S. courts "have jurisdiction to consider petitions brought by enemy combatants held at this facility that challenge the legality of their detention."

It said the detainees will be notified in the near future of procedure available "should you seek to challenge your detention in U.S. courts." Before the Supreme Court ruling, the Bush administration's position was that the detainees had no right to use courts of the United States or anywhere else.

The notice was in 17 languages, provided to each prisoner in his native tongue.

Regardless whether a detainee should choose to go to court, he may have his status as an enemy combatant reviewed by a military panel at Guantanamo Bay, Navy Secretary Gordon England, overseeing the review process, said Friday he hopes to complete the status reviews within four months.

If a panel, which the Pentagon calls a Combatant Status Review Tribunal, should determine that a detainee is not an enemy combat-

ant, he would be set free, England said.

The next step in the review process is for detainees to be assigned so-called personal representatives, who will be military officers but not lawyers. The representative would be allowed to assist a detainee in presenting his case and be present during the proceedings.

"This is not a criminal trial and the Tribunal will not punish you but will determine whether you are properly held," the notice said.

Each detainee who chooses to appear before a status review panel will be given a written statement of the "unclassified factual basis" for his classification as an enemy combatant. A detainee will be allowed to testify for himself but not compelled to answer questions.

Monday's notice defined an enemy combatant as an individual who was part of, or associated with, Taliban or al-Qaida forces that engaged in hostilities with U.S. forces.

"The definition includes any person who has committed a belligerent act or has directly supported such hostilities," it said.

## Advocates: Nearly 200 reported sex assaults

BY JON SARCHÉ  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Nearly 200 women serving in the Middle East say they have been sexually assaulted by fellow servicemembers in the past 21 months, a victims' advocacy group said Monday as it criticized the U.S. military for falling short in addressing the problem.

From October 2002 through June, the Miles Foundation received 187 reports from the region — and fewer than half had been reported to military authorities, said Christine Hansen, executive director of the Connecticut-based group.

During the same period, the Pentagon has received 112 reports, Hansen said during the annual conference of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

In February, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld ordered an investigation into the treatment of servicewomen in the Gulf war zone who report sexual assaults by their male comrades. A defense official said the memo came in response to media reports about sexual assaults in the region, including a Jan. 25 story by The Denver Post.

According to defense officials, some 60,000 military women served within the region managed by U.S. Central Command, which includes Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, between October 2002 and November 2003. Most were in Iraq and Kuwait.

The Pentagon released a report in May acknowledging problems in how the military handles assault allegations. The task force said victims were treated inconsistently and too often suffered from a lack of support from commanders, criminal investigators and doctors.

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# Philippines awaits word on fate of Iraq hostage

## Manila mum on ambiguous offer to withdraw troops

BY RAVI NESSMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Philippines waited anxiously Tuesday for word on the fate of a contract worker being held captive here by insurgents demanding the withdrawal of all Philippine troops from Iraq in exchange for his life.

But the situation remained shrouded in confusion; the government released an ambiguous statement Tuesday that appeared crafted to convince the kidnappers they had won, and then imposed an almost unheard-of media blackout, refusing to clarify its intentions.

Philippine diplomats in the region said privately they were still trying to negotiate with the kidnappers, but it was not even clear that Angelo dela Cruz, a 46-year-old father of eight, remained alive.

"This is the most sensitive point in the hostage crisis. We must unite behind Angelo's family, keep our peace and pray hard," Philippines presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said.

The crisis has put the government in a difficult position. It is a key ally in the United States' war on terror and does not want to damage its relationship with Washington.

Yet it also does not want to be seen by its people as forsaking one of the millions of Filipinos working abroad.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's government, though just elected to a new six-year term, has been plagued by coup rumors and vexed by an opposition that disputes the election and is looking for any way to destabilize her.

The crisis began Wednesday, when the Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaleel bin Al-Waleed Corps released a videotape to the Arab-language Al-Jazeera television station showing the delusional man surrounded by masked gunmen and demanding the government pull its 51-member peacekeeping contingent from Iraq immediately. The truck driver was reportedly snatched near Fallujah.

The Philippines responded Saturday by saying it would pull its troops out Aug. 20, and packaging that as a concession. But the force's mandate had been scheduled to end Aug. 20 anyway.

In a video Sunday, a masked man holding a sword said the delusional man would not be released until the troops left.

The government said Sunday it

had opened up backdoor negotiating channels with the group and had received a 48-hour extension until Tuesday. But a video sent to Al-Jazeera on Monday said the deadline had only been extended 24 hours and delusional man had been moved to the place where he was to be killed in just a few hours.

After the hostage-takers extended the deadline for complying with its demands, the Philippine government met Monday in an emergency session, and Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Rafael Segus went on Al-Jazeera to make a direct plea with the kidnappers for mercy and issue the ambiguous statement about its troops.

The kidnappers had not responded publicly by Tuesday night. Meanwhile, a militant group holding two Bulgarian truck drivers said it had killed one of them. Al-Jazeera reported Wednesday.

Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad threatened last week to kill the men if the United States did not release all Iraqi detainees by Saturday.

In a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera early Wednesday, the group said it had carried out its threat against one of the men and would kill the other in 24 hours.

# Top al-Qaida militant turns self in to Saudis

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHUIHI  
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A wanted al-Qaida militant said to have fought alongside Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan turned himself in to Saudi diplomats in Iran and was flown to the kingdom Tuesday, the most prominent figure to surrender under an amnesty, the Interior Ministry said.

The militant was identified as Khaleel bin Ouda bin Mohammed al-Harby, also known as Abu Suleiman al-Makki. In a videotape released after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden was shown talking about the planning of the attacks with al-Harby, according to the Arab TV channel Al-Arabiya. Al-Harby was believed to have lost his legs fighting in Afghanistan.

There was no immediate confirmation by Saudi officials.

Separately, Interior Minister Prince Nayef acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that Saudis had infiltrated neighboring Iraq to fight U.S.-led forces.

"Surely, there are Saudis," Prince Nayef told reporters late Monday of the foreign fighters detained in Iraq. "But the number, and how they got in to Iraq is not available to us now."

Al-Harby, who fought with bin Laden against the Russians in Afghanistan about 20 years ago, was shown on state television being carried off a Saudi Airlines plane after arriving in Riyadh. He was pushed in a wheelchair through the airport and was wearing traditional white robes and Arab head-dress.

In a statement, the Interior Ministry said al-Harby contacted the Saudi Embassy in Tehran from the Iranian-Afghan border, where he was stranded. It was not disclosed what al-Harby was wanted for, and his name does not appear on the list of the kingdom's 26 most wanted militants.

"Thank God, thank God ... I called the embassy and we were very well-received," al-Harby told Saudi TV in the airport terminal. "I have come obeying God, and obeying the kingdom's rulers."

He is the third man to take advantage of the amnesty that King Fahd offered militants on June 23. The amnesty, lasting for one month, promises to spare the lives of those militants who surrender.

The two militants who have already surrendered in response to the amnesty include Othman Hadi Al Maqbool al-Amri, No. 21 on the most-wanted list.

Al-Harby described the amnesty as a "generous offer" and urged other militants to take advantage of it.

The ministry said al-Harby will be taken to hospital for health care. It did not elaborate on his condition.

Prince Nayef's announcement came after repeated denials of Iraqi reports that that Saudis are fighting in the insurgency.

Iraq's Human Rights Minister Bakhtiyar Amin said Monday there were 14 Saudis among 99 foreign fighters in detention. Also, Saudi newspapers have published obituaries and funeral reports for at least four Saudis said to have died fighting in Iraq.



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## IN THE WORLD



Demonstrators carrying mock corpses march, shouting slogans Tuesday outside the morning plenary session of the 15th AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand. About 100 AIDS activists protested, accusing multinational drug firms of charging too much for lifesaving drugs.

## WHO lambastes AIDS efforts

The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — The World Health Organization said Tuesday the world has "failed miserably" in providing life-saving drugs to millions afflicted with HIV, while France accused the United States of bullying poor countries into ceding rights to make cheap generic AIDS drugs.

A U.S. official denied the French allegation at the International AIDS Conference as "nonsense," while meeting delegates lamented that only about 7 percent of the 6 million people in poor countries who urgently need antiretroviral treatment are getting it.

Since the last AIDS conference in Barcelona in 2002, the number of people being treated for the disease has doubled in the developing world to 440,000. At the same time, 6 million people died from the virus and 10 million people became infected, WHO figures show.

"By these measures of human life, the ones that really matter, we have failed. And we have failed miserably to do enough in the precious time that has passed since Barcelona," said Jim Kim, WHO's AIDS director.

Cost is a key issue. European and U.S. pharmaceutical giants make

most of the drugs, which are protected by patents and can cost as much as \$5,000 per person a year. But many companies have slashed AIDS drug prices in recent years and have given some away free in Africa.

Developing countries such as Thailand, Brazil and India are making cheap generic drugs — WHO put its seal of approval on four new generic Indian products Tuesday — but they are not enough to reach everybody.

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# Military launches new operation to protect Afghanistan election

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military has launched a new operation in Afghanistan involving thousands of troops to provide security during upcoming presidential elections, the top American commander told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The operation, named Lightning Resolve, is "kicking off as we speak," Lt. Gen. David Barno said in an interview at his head-

quarters in the Afghan capital.

He said the operation contains enough "offensive punch" to keep militants off-balance and would include targeted, intelligence-driven raids. He gave no specifics.

A 2,000-strong Marine force that has hammered Taliban militants in a southern stronghold since it arrived in March is in the process of leaving the country, Barno said.

The Marines will be replaced and a force of around 17,500 soldiers will intensify its cooperation with the United Nations, which is helping to organize the Oct. 7 presidential poll, seen as a key step on this war-shattered country's path to recovery.

The United Nations has helped recruit some 7 million voters despite a string of attacks that have raised fears security will not be adequate to ensure a fair and free vote.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks during a meeting with Likud Party members at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, on Monday. Sharon earlier invited the Labor party to join his fragile coalition government.

## Israel cartographers revising route for West Bank barrier

BY MARK LAVIE  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Cartographers have begun redrawing the planned route of the West Bank separation barrier closer to Israel, in line with an Israeli court ruling that the government must reduce hardship for Palestinian residents, officials said Tuesday.

Later this week, planners will present three different options for a new route to the Defense Ministry for approval, security officials said on the condition of anonymity. All three routes are significantly closer to Israel than the original path.

"We're looking at ways to bring the fence closer to the Green Line," said Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir, referring to Is-

rael's pre-1967 Mideast War frontier with the West Bank.

Hassan Abu Libdeh, the Palestinian Cabinet secretary, said Israel must build the barrier entirely on its territory, and that any changes falling short of that are unacceptable.

Also Tuesday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made overtures to two religious parties to join his shaky coalition, a day after he made a similar offer to the moderate Labor Party, political sources said. In courtier religious parties, Sharon apparently was trying to defuse opposition in his Likud Party to bringing in Labor.

The West Bank barrier is to run for 425 miles. One-fourth has already been built. The changes will be made mainly in the section still in the planning stages.

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## Japan's oldest man dies at 109

TOKYO — Japan's oldest man, 109-year-old Minsho Ozawa, has died of pneumonia in central Japan, his family said Tuesday.

Ozawa, a former chief priest of a Buddhist temple, died Monday after being hospitalized in early May, said his 55-year-old grandson, Yasumasa.

He attributed his grandfather's longevity to a cheerful outlook — Ozawa's motto was "Nothing's worth worrying about" — and a diet of meat and eel, a Japanese favorite.

Ozawa, who had 47 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, was active as a priest until his early 90s in his native Yamanashi, 65 miles west of Tokyo, Yasumasa said.

From The Associated Press

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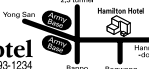
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## IN THE STATES

# Pol looks at voters' views on candidates

BY WILL LESTER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is viewed by more American voters as decisive and arrogant than Democratic rival John Kerry, according to an Associated Press poll. Voters are more likely to see Kerry as intelligent.

Asked who makes them feel more optimistic about the future, slightly more voters choose Bush than Kerry, the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs found. Both candidates are viewed as wealthy by nearly all voters, with slightly more seeing Bush as wealthy than Kerry.

Two-thirds in the poll think the president is decisive, the biggest character advantage the president has over Kerry in the poll. But a majority, 52 percent, also say they think Bush is arrogant.

"The quality I like about the president is he knows what he wants, and he focuses on what he wants to do. He's not wishy-washy," said Sam Werzberger, a 26-year-old independent from New York City, who hasn't decided for whom he will vote. "I've seen very little of Kerry, but he seems to say what people want to hear."

The poll asked voters whether

they would or would not use each of seven words — likeable, intelligent, decisive, compassionate, honest, arrogant and wealthy — to describe Bush and Kerry.

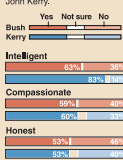
Kerry and Bush are closely matched on qualities like compassion, honesty and likeability. But Bush has a 22-point edge over Kerry on the question of who is decisive.

Two-thirds said Bush is decisive and fewer than half said that of Kerry.

As Kerry prepares to introduce himself to the public at the Democratic National Convention in two weeks, one of his biggest obstacles is convincing voters he can provide the kind of firm leadership needed in a time of war and terrorism.

## Voter impressions of the candidates

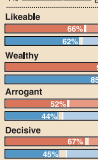
In a poll conducted July 5-7, 804 registered voters were asked whether each of several adjectives describe President Bush and presidential candidate John Kerry.



NOTE: Survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AP

## Who makes you feel more optimistic about the future?



Bush's confidence and unwillingness to change his stand despite opposition are viewed negatively by some. A majority, 52 percent, said he's arrogant, more than the 44 percent who view Kerry that way.

Four in five voters, 83 percent, say Kerry is intelligent, compared with 63 percent who view Bush as intelligent.

# Bush trumpets conservatism

BY SCOTT LINDLAW  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is courting rural voters in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, closely shadowing rival John Kerry's recent Midwestern tour and trying to outflank the Democrat on his claim that he is the champion of "conservative values."

Bush refers to Kerry as "the senator from Massachusetts" — a dig meant to reinforce Bush's assertion that Kerry is out of touch with Middle America. Bush carries that message on Tuesday to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, a sparsely populated region no sitting president has visited in more than 90 years.

Bush won the Upper Peninsula, according to his campaign, but lost Michigan by about 5 percentage points, and he wants its 17 electoral votes in his column this year. He was trumpeting what he views as an improving economy in a region that is heavily blue collar, with many jobs supported by shipping and ironworks.

Yet the region leans strongly Republican, exemplifying the troubles Democrats have in rural America.

Bush then heads west to Minnesota, the state where Kerry de-

clared earlier this month that he represented conservative values that rural Americans hold dear.

Jennifer Millerwise, a Bush campaign spokeswoman, said that claim didn't square with Kerry's positions on taxes, medical malpractice reform and other issues.

"When you look at all these critical issues to this part of America, John Kerry's positions stand in



Bush

stark contrast to those of President Bush," Millerwise said. The spokeswoman pointed to Kerry's attendance last week at a celebrity fund-raiser in New York City in which celebrities bashed Bush.

"John Kerry one week was in America's heartland saying 'I share your conservative values' and then in New York City at a Hollywood hate-fest where there was vulgar language and actors on stage attacking the president," Millerwise said.

Bush makes a second bus trip on Wednesday through Wisconsin, a state he lost in 2000 by fewer than 6,000 votes.

# Kerry to highlight his military service

BY NEDRA PICKLER  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Democratic National Convention will spotlight John Kerry's public service, with particular emphasis on the Massachusetts senator's time in the military, and include speeches by two former presidents and his family, the campaign said Tuesday.

As the United States tries to repair relationships with its allies and braces for the possibility of another terrorist attack, the campaign said that the July 26-29 convention will be centered around the theme of "Stronger at Home, Respected in the World."

The opening night will feature former Presidents Carter and Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

Kerry plans to cap the four-day gathering of more than 4,300 delegates with an acceptance speech outlining his vision to improve

the nation's standing at home and abroad. But with many voters still unfamiliar with Kerry — despite more than two years of campaigning, the convention also has been designed to help people get to know his biography, including his experience as prosecutor, a lieutenant governor, a senator and a decorated Naval officer in Vietnam.

Kerry's address is to be led by his daughters and stepsons and some of the crewmates from his Navy swiftboat in Vietnam, who have been familiar faces on the campaign trail. He is scheduled to be introduced by former Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia.

Kerry told supporters at a fund-raiser Monday that he welcomes a debate about patriotism with President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

"The flag of the United States of America that I fought under, that streamed out behind my turret, that has covered the coffins of friends, that flag doesn't belong to the president, it doesn't belong to a party, it doesn't belong to an ideology," Kerry said. "It is a symbol of the strength of a nation of diversity and tolerance, of a democracy that has dissent, alternative ideas, and we are going to reclaim that flag for the United States of America."



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Tammy Bozarth stands on her sister's porch Tuesday watching flood waters rise in Lumberton, N.J. A foot or more of rain fell in the Northeast, forcing hundreds from their homes and flooding roads.

## 'Jeopardy!' contestant exceeds \$1M in winnings

Stars and Stripes

Ken Jennings, a software engineer from Utah, surpassed \$1 million in winnings Tuesday on "Jeopardy!," a record for that show.

In his 30th appearance on the show since the beginning of his marathon run June 2, Jennings added \$32,000 to his previous winnings of \$972,960 for a grand total of \$1,004,960.

He sailed through the day's categories, which included journalism, capital city burials, foreign animals and in-flight movies.

The final Jeopardy! category was "Headlines in the last 40 years" and the answer was: "The first two New York Times headlines set in 96-point type were in these two years, five years apart." Although he posed an incorrect question, Jennings' accumulated earnings put him far ahead of his competitors.

The correct question deal with the years 1969 and 1974, when man walked on the moon and President Richard M. Nixon resigned.

On Friday and again on Mon-

day, he tied the highest one-day winnings record of \$52,000, according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Seattle native who grew up in South Korea — his father works for an international law firm in Seoul — Jennings watched "Jeopardy!" on the U.S. Armed Forces TV network, the Associated Press reported Sunday.

Jennings appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" Monday to read the Top Ten list: Top Ten Ways To Irritate Alex Trebek, including No. 1, "Insist on buying a vowel."

To mark the beginning of its 20th year in syndication last September, "Jeopardy!" lifted its five-game limit, allowing winners to keep going until they lose.

The original show, hosted by Art Fleming, was created in 1964 by Merv Griffin, who also wrote the show's signature "think theme."

The previous record holder was Tom Walsh, 39, of Washington, D.C., who brought in \$184,000 in winnings from a seven-day run in January.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

# Heavy rains flood Northeast

## Hundreds evacuated in N.J.; motorists rescued in Md.

The Associated Press

A foot or more of rain fell in parts of the Northeast, forcing hundreds of people from their homes during the night, rupturing small dams and flooding roads.

No injuries had been reported in the stricken areas of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. South-central New Jersey was hardest hit with at least five small dams rupturing during the night, said Kevin Tuno, the Burlington County emergency management

coordinator. Many of the dams in the area hold small reservoirs in low-lying residential areas.

"We have a lot of houses and vehicles that were damaged," Tuno said Tuesday.

The heaviest rainfall in Burlington County was 13.2 inches at Tabernacle, the National Weather Service said. Gov. James E. McGreevey said Tuesday he plans to declare a state of emergency for the county.

More than 500 county residents were evacuated from their homes

and from the roofs of cars stalled on flooded roads from late Monday into early Tuesday, and officials said 250 people still couldn't return home by late Tuesday morning.

"First they started with one family and then another family and then it rapidly escalated," Tuno said of the evacuations.

Parts of northeastern Maryland got up to 8 inches of rain that flooded streets and basements Monday, and some motorists had to be rescued when their cars stalled in deep water, officials said.

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## Police continue hunt for tiger escaped from ex-actor's home

The Associated Press

LOXAHATCHEE, Fla. — A 600-pound tiger eluded capture for a second day Tuesday after escaping from the compound of its owner, a former actor who once played Tarzan.

Sheriff's deputies and state game officials set up a perimeter around a 5-acre area of dense slash pines and palm trees, and started beating the bush again at daybreak, said Willie Puz, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Wildlife trackers, joined by the cat's owner, Steve Sipek, felt confident they were closing in on the cat, named Bobo, after finding fresh paw prints.

Sipek was "very distraught over the whole situation," said Jorge Pino, a spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The tiger was spotted several

times, including by a woman who said it was in her back yard. Officials hoped Bobo would return home in search of food, Puz said.



Sipek

reported missing Monday afternoon from the home of Sipek, who played Tarzan decades ago under the screen name Steve Hawkes, said Paul Miller,

spokesman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

According to the Internet Movie Database, "Steve Hawkes" played Tarzan in a series of Spanish-language Tarzan movies around 1970.

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# U.S. considers revising Food Guide Pyramid

BY IRA DREYFUSS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Most Americans are familiar with the federal Food Guide Pyramid—but a lot of people don't understand how to use it.

Too many are confused by the recommendations and can't figure out how to implement them. The proof, Agriculture Department officials say, is that two out of three Americans are fat.

So, as officials develop new guidelines on healthy eating, they also are looking for new ways to get out the message. Replacing

the familiar food pyramid, first published in 1992, may be among them.

Agriculture Department officials talked about the problem of the pyramid Monday as they trotted for ideas about how to perk up the nation's nutritional record.

Typical of the pyramid's shortcomings is that some people thought the graphic's recommendation of 6 to 11 daily servings from the grains group, such as bread, meant they could have anywhere from six to 11 servings. A slice of bread is a serving.

Only after the editor checks the pyramid's supplemental literature does it become clear that six servings are sufficient for people who don't burn a lot of calories in a day, such as sedentary women and some older adults. Eleven servings are for those with high-revised metabolisms, such as teenage boys.

The government wants a graphic that will encourage people to get the information they need to eat better and act on it, said Eric Hentges, director of the Agriculture Department's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

The department is asking for

public comment on whether to replace the pyramid or update it, Hentges said. He was taking no stand on that choice. "We do not have a preconceived notion," he said.

Federal officials say about 80 percent of Americans recognize the pyramid, but about 66 percent are overweight or obese.

Similarly, an Associated Press-*Los Angeles Times* poll found in May that 30 percent of Americans think the nation's top health problem is overweighting, but only 12 percent said they were dieting.

The government has tied a wealth of diet and exercise information

to the pyramid, including a 32-page brochure to explain the pyramid and a Web site that helps people plan menus in accordance with it. Officials have had trouble getting people to dig out information and apply it, and a goal of the new initiative is to help them.

The next food guide graphic, whether it is a pyramid or some other shape, will help people make individual choices, a department statement said. Because many people do not realize that generalized messages apply to them, it said, some misunderstood what the generalized messages meant.

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## YOUR MONEY

# Poll: Consumers feeling better about economy

## Lower gas costs, addition of jobs help bolster key confidence index

By JEANNINE PERRY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers' spirits brightened over the past month as Americans felt better about the economy's prospects, an encouraging sign for the nation's economic well-being.

The AP-Isopac consumer confidence index climbed to 92 in July, up from 91.3 in June. The latest reading — taken after the Federal Reserve's first interest rate increase in four years and a disappointing employment report — indicated that consumers took some pieces of news in stride, analysts said.

"I think the Fed has done a masterful job at packaging and communicating its interest rate increase in a manner that is non-threatening to consumers and to investors," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank.

Economists believe the improvement in confidence reflects a number of factors: a retreat in gasoline prices, somewhat less anxiety over the situation in Iraq and the fact that the economy con-

tinues to add jobs, albeit at a slower pace.

The latest snapshot of consumer sentiment also shows that Americans' view of the economy is considerably more positive compared with a year ago, when the consumer confidence index stood at 80.5. Last summer, businesses were cutting thousands of jobs — something that frustrated jobseekers and made people who still had jobs worry that the ax soon could fall on them.

"The attitudes are consistent with the view that consumers — while they might not have an excess of confidence — are getting more optimistic as this recovery becomes more solid," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist at BMO Financial Group. "Rather than a boom level of confidence, this is like a bottom level of confidence — it is moderate and appropriately so."

The AP-Isopac confidence index is benchmarked to a 100 reading in January 2002, the month the index was started by Isopac.

Consumer behavior is watched

closely by economists because consumer spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States. Although retail sales were lackluster in June, analysts are hopeful they will rebound in July.

A measure of consumers' attitudes about economic expectations over the next six months, including conditions in the local area where they live or work, rose in July to 96.3. That was up from a reading of 94.1 in June and represented a big improvement from a year ago, when this "expectations" gauge was at 64.

Economists believe the economy is on track to post in 2004 its best growth in two decades.

The economy has been a prominent topic in the presidential campaign, with President Bush highlighting the economic rebound while rival Sen. John Kerry talks about a squeeze on the middle class.

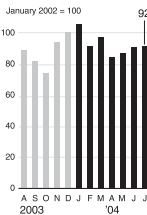
A subindex tracking consumers' feelings about the jobs climate held steady in July at 104.4, unchanged from the previous

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## Consumer attitudes

Here is a look at consumer confidence, based on a composite index of attitudes about the economy, personal finances and job security.



SOURCE: Isopac-Bank of America for AP

news last week.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, wanting to head off inflation, raised a key short-term interest rate to 1.25 percent, from a 46-year low of 1 percent. They indicated that future rate increases would be gradual.

Two days later, the government released the employment report for June, showing the economy added 112,000 jobs — less than half the number that analysts had forecast. While disheartening, June marked the 10th straight month of payroll gains, a string that has restored about 1.5 million jobs and reduced overall losses on Bush's watch to nearly 1.1 million.

The employment report for July won't be released until August.

Economists are hopeful companies will step up hiring through the rest of the year.

A subindex looking at consumers' feelings about current economic conditions dipped to 94.8 in July. While that was down from 95.6 in June, it was higher than the 86.1 reading a year earlier.

Another gauge of consumers' attitudes about making a purchase, saving and other investment decisions, also declined to 92.2 in June from 94.7 in June, but was still better than the reading of 87.6 registered last year.

## MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES					
52-week	Low	High	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
3,212.45	2,416.39	3,212.45	+3.65	+0.12	+28.11
262.22	226.46	262.22	+1.13	+0.41	+18.65
6,798.12	5,433.77	6,798.12	+3.88	+0.05	+9.52
1,178.21	936.73	1,178.21	+1.48	+0.12	+29.58
1,153.62	1,040.88	1,153.62	+1.48	+0.12	+29.58
1,163.23	969.84	1,163.23	+1.48	+0.12	+29.58
538.46	417.71	538.46	+1.52	+0.36	+18.72
569.42	449.57	569.42	+1.52	+0.36	+18.72
11,371.31	9,258.56	11,371.31	+4.32	+0.04	+22.11

NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ		
Most Active (\$1 on move)	Volume	Net Chg	Most Active (\$1 on move)	Volume	Net Chg	Most Active (\$1 on move)	Volume	Net Chg
General Motors	14,111	+1.19	Microsoft	30,000	+1.19	Microsoft	30,000	+1.19
Lucas	10,404	+1.38	Oracle	24,000	+1.18	Oracle	24,000	+1.18
Intel	10,352	+1.11	Apple	10,352	+1.11	Apple	10,352	+1.11
Northern	10,327	+1.42	IBM	10,327	+1.42	IBM	10,327	+1.42
Pfizer	10,327	+1.42	Johnson & Johnson	10,327	+1.42	Johnson & Johnson	10,327	+1.42
Boeing	10,327	+1.42	Boeing	10,327	+1.42	Boeing	10,327	+1.42
Citigroup	10,327	+1.42	Citigroup	10,327	+1.42	Citigroup	10,327	+1.42
Bank of America	10,327	+1.42	Bank of America	10,327	+1.42	Bank of America	10,327	+1.42

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				KEY MUTUAL FUNDS			
Name	Div	PE	Ratio	Name	Div	PE	Ratio
Atlantic Technologies	10	65.22	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Arvin Holdings	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Bearing	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
General Services	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Engineered Air	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
General Services	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
General Electric	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Lockheed Martin	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Northrop	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Raytheon	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Rockwell International	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Sealed Air	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
Textron	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6
United Technologies	10	24.34	+31	Fidelity Inter-Country	10	26.27	+6.6

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 12)	112.00
S. Korean won (July 10)	1,101.00
British pound	\$1.74
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
British pound	\$1.8644
Canada (Dollar)	0.7182
Denmark (Krone)	6.9624
Euro	\$1.2460
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7991
Hungary (Forint)	20.33
Israel (Shekel)	4.8423
Japan (Yen)	112.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2627
South Africa (Rand)	6.5009
Philippines (Peso)	55.578
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6694
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2244
Thailand (Baht)	46.23
Turkey (Lira)	1,495.75
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## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Moving back home

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The United Kingdom calls them kippers, short for "Kids in Parents' Pockets Eroding Retirement Savings." The United States refers to them as "boomerang babies." And this year, 64 percent of 2004's college graduates in the United States join the ranks of adult children returning to live at home, reports MonsterTrak, a division of online job-hunting site Monster.com.

Adult children come home for various reasons. They may be job hunting or have a first job that doesn't pay well. They're also shouldering the new burdens of student loans and monthly payments for insurance and credit-card debts.

No matter what your child's plans, it is important to lay down some ground rules.

In her book "7 Money Mantras for a Richer Life," author and Washington Post columnist

Michelle Singletary recommends that you and your child write a living agreement. It's a way to get your child get on the right track for independent living, without jeopardizing your own finances (or sanity).

Your live-in agreement should include decisions on rent, telephone, food and utility charges (namely, how much your child will contribute and when the amount is due). Decide whether smoking and overnight guests are allowed, and outline household responsibilities. Establish consequences for dishonoring the agreement.

Determine how long your child plans to stay. Set a definite length of time, Singletary says — don't leave it open-ended. In the MonsterTrak study, 26 percent of college seniors expected to live at home for one to six months.

Another 16 percent expected to stay from seven months to one year, and 22 percent for more than a year.

## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc	
Gold	\$408.10
Silver	\$6.528

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.25
3-month bill	1.315
3-year Treasury note	4.00
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com	





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If the daily newspaper goes up to more than 50 cents, I'm going to have to leave to buy the papers unless I just have to have a paper to read. Sorry, I just don't think Sunday's paper is worth \$1.

You may not print this, but I've said what I wanted to say. And that's just my opinion.

Jim Cook  
Hanau, Germany

## Thanks for the troops

I want to thank our troops for their service, sacrifices, loyalty and patriotism. I don't know any soldiers serving abroad and, since strangers are not allowed to send letters, I thought I'd try this so that I could express my thanks.

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I want to express not only my strong and steady support for our troops, but also my feeling that the millions of people who take issue with President Bush share this appreciation and awe for [U.S. servicemen]. I thank the troops for fighting for our country, for putting themselves on the line, for

endangering themselves and worse. What they have done for the people of Iraq is selfless and kind and has required incredible bravery.

It is my desire that the Iraqis make the most of what [U.S. troops] have given them, and that the United States and the world can help them make a peaceful state.

But no matter what happens now, no matter how well our administration has planned this, our troops have been heroes. And I think that the vast majority of Americans, whether they support President Bush's decisions or not, believe that. We will continue to regard our troops as true heroes.

The United States is the strongest nation in the world. And that strength comes with responsibility, something all U.S. servicemen understand better than me, better than anyone. I believe that it is our responsibility to help those who cannot help themselves. And it is our responsibility to stop horrible histories from repeating themselves. Although I would have chosen to go into Iraq when I didn't, there is no doubt that it cried out for a savior.

I am involved in politics, I am a lifelong Democrat and I disagree with the decisions President Bush has made. But I believe every word of what I have written, I love my country, and I know that I am not at all alone in this.

Samantha Waterman  
Los Angeles

## Mr. President, pardon Jack Johnson

Even those Americans who remember the name of Jack Johnson, the first African-American to hold the world heavyweight title, often forget that he spent seven years in prison as a fugitive and that when he returned to the United States in 1920, he was required to serve a year in Leavenworth.

His crime, hard as it may be to imagine today, was that he crossed state lines with a woman — a white woman — and prosecutors weren't about to let him get away with it. Especially after all the trouble he'd already caused and all the rules he'd already broken.

To understand why the U.S. government pursued Johnson for so many years, one must go back to 1908, when Johnson, a 6-foot-1 former dockworker, defeated Tommy Burns and won the world heavyweight title.

His victory shook white Americans hard and prompted a search for a "great white hope" who could win back the title. But repeated attempts were unsuccessful. Two years later, Johnson defeated the legendary Jim Jeffries, who had come out of retirement and whom most whites considered unbeatable, it sparked deadly race riots across the country.

Johnson was everything that a black man of his era was not supposed to be: outspoken, articulate, intelligent, powerful, wealthy, good-looking and charming. This made him a hero to most of black America,

but it also made him a dangerous enemy to most of white America. His mere presence threatened the notion that African-Americans belonged to an inferior, servile race.

Unable to beat him in the ring, his enemies sought other ways to bring Johnson down. In 1912, federal authorities in Chicago went after him in court instead, bringing charges against him for violating the Mann Act, a federal law designed to help fight prostitution by making it a crime to transport a woman across state lines for "immoral purposes." But virtually everyone knew — and the prosecuting attorney even admitted — that the real object was to punish Johnson for daring to engage in romantic relationships with white women.

In court, the federal prosecutors argued that Jackson committed a "crime against nature" for engaging in sexual intercourse with a white woman. The fact that he married the woman only a few months after he was arrested made no difference. He was convicted and sentenced to a year in prison.

After the verdict, the district attorney said that "it was [Johnson's] misfortune to be the foremost example of the evil in permitting the intermarriage of whites and blacks."

While his case was on appeal, Johnson fled the country. He lived in Europe as a fugitive from justice for seven years, losing his title in Havana in 1915 to a much younger white opponent after a 26-round fight. He returned to the United States in 1920,

surrendered to authorities and served a year at Leavenworth.

He never again was given a chance to reclaim the title. Today, his story is known mostly to avid sports fans.

In many ways, Johnson's adversaries succeeded in their mission to cut him down to size. They sought a conviction against Johnson to send a message to African-Americans: Don't hold your head too high. Don't believe you're any better than you really are. Don't walk too proudly. And never engage in intimate relations with whites.

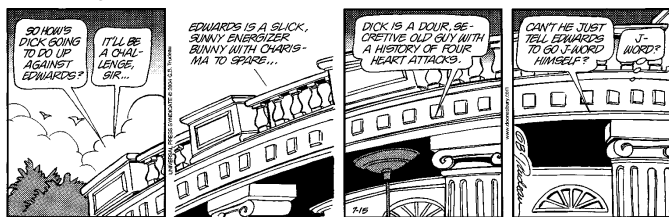
This week I filed a petition with the Department of Justice, prepared by the law firm Proskauer Rose LLP, which documents in detail that the decision to indict Johnson — and, in the end, the conviction itself — was racially motivated. The Committee to Pardon Jack Johnson includes prominent Americans from politics, including Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., as well as boxers Vernon Forrest, Sugar Ray Leonard and Bernard Hopkins.

A presidential pardon will not change history. Certainly it will not make life easier for Jack Johnson, who died in 1946. But as McCain has explained, "pardoning Jack Johnson will serve as a historic statement of America's resolve to live up to its noble ideals of justice and equality."

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## BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury



## OPINION

## Malpractice laws get trial run in campaign

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In a case you hadn't noticed, John Edwards, the North Carolina senator selected as Sen. John Kerry's running mate, is a lawyer.

Not just any kind of lawyer, either. Edwards is a trial lawyer. His appointment last week elevates what once had been a relatively obscure field of practice — liability law — to the short list of issues that will shape the upcoming election.

Republicans, including President Bush, who listed tort reform as among his first priorities when he was elected governor of Texas, have been pushing changes in liability law for almost a decade. But the issue never really caught fire with most voters until malpractice insurance rates for doctors began to skyrocket two years ago.

Claiming an effort to eliminate frivolous lawsuits, conservatives have pushed through broad legislation in several states that makes it more difficult for individuals to sue doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and even corporations. Despite that, almost all the public focus on tort reform has remained on medical malpractice law and its impact.

As long as we're going to be having this discussion over the next three months or so, we ought to at least agree on some basic facts.

It's heartening, for example, to hear plain-tiff attorneys talk about their desire to improve health-care quality. But that's not really what these lawsuits are all about. There are faster and more efficient ways of weeding out bad doctors than by having individu-

al patients file suit, even if those ways aren't used often enough in most states.

We could, and should, toughen the requirement that doctors and hospitals report impaired physicians. We could outlaw settlements where evidence of misconduct or incompetence remains secret. We could increase budgets for licensing boards and force them to do more of their work in public.

Malpractice laws exist for one reason and one reason only: to compensate patients who have been seriously injured or killed by the negligence of a doctor, hospital or nursing home.

It is undeniably true that malpractice cases contribute to the high cost of health care. But they are by no means driving the growth of health care costs, as Bush has insisted. In fact, it may be the other way around. Malpractice settlements often cover future medical costs, and it is that component of awards that has increased quickest. No wonder, health insurance rates have been increasing at double-digit rates for years.

Even with their sudden rise, malpractice insurance premiums for doctors, hospitals and nursing homes collectively accounted for only about 1 percent of health care spending in 2002. Eliminate the concept of malpractice suits entirely and we still would spend more money on health care than any other nation on earth.

Of course, premiums are also a small part of overall costs. There's also the cost of defending frivolous suits and other claims that ultimately are dropped, payouts to vic-



tims; and insurance company overhead. Tillinghast-Towers Perrin, a private consulting firm, estimates that U.S. tort costs reached a record \$23 billion in 2002.

But only about 10 percent of those costs — \$25 billion — involve medical malpractice. That figure represents a 9.8 percent increase over the prior year, only slightly higher than the 9.3 percent increase in overall health care spending.

By most standards (except perhaps the military's), \$25 billion is a lot of money. Not in health care, though. Consider that during 2002, spending for hospital care grew by \$42.2 billion, an increase of 9.5 percent.

Spending on prescription drugs grew by \$21.6 billion, a 15.3 percent increase. And the cost of administering private health insurance grew by \$22.9 billion, an increase of 16.2 percent.

It's fair for Edwards' opponents to question the cases he has taken and the legislation he has supported. But it's not helpful — and it's certainly not fair — for politicians on both sides to mischaracterize the tort reform debate.

This isn't about improving health care quality or meaningfully reducing costs. It's about trying to perfect an imperfect legal system so that it is fair to doctors and their patients. That's hard enough.

## How media arrive at all the news that's fit to print

BY EDWARD WASSERMAN

Does the news media have a political agenda? That's a perennial question, but it has special resonance in this unusually shrill electoral season.

For the strongly partisan, the media are like some nightmarish mirror in a horror movie: You look into it, and your bitterest enemies sneer back at you. The right, noting attitudes surveys of journalists, sees a liberal cabal. The left, pointing to conglomerate ownership and market-driven news, sees a leaden centrism. Journalists, helpfully, insist the media have no politics. That's something no outsider with half a brain believes for a second, which is too bad, because if what journalists mean is that the media have no coherent politics, they're telling the truth.

The politics of news is like one of those lunatic pizza parties you use to find in Mad magazine. There, peering out from the melted cheese, you'd have your toppings: spare tire, discarded fishbowl, Yield sign, tree limb. Plenty of variety, all indigestible.

Trying to make sense of media politics means looking at more than how adoringly a particular candidate is pictured or how willingly a newspaper peddles a politician's self-serving tale. You have to look at the world the media construct for us, what they put in and what they leave out.

Welcome to the pizza. You get stories crying out for imaginative new government programs, which the news will later delight in exposing as wasteful and ineffectual. The private sector is run by brilliant, far-sighted magnates, whose greed and lust for plunder will be the focus of equally zealous coverage. Our country is kindly uncle to the world, which trusts us for our goodness and despises us for our heedlessness and wealth. All this we learn from the media.

It's a politics of doctrinal incoherence. It arises from the fact that the realities being

reported are themselves elusive and contradictory, and that news is itself a battlefield of facts and ideas, where combatants inside and outside the media are continually skirmishing over what's happening, what it means and whether the news audience — a select fraction of the public — is interested in hearing about it.

The political impact of news often has less to do with overt positions — for this, against that — than with the ways in which issues are framed and what play they're given. Is gay marriage about individual freedom or moral decline? And is playing it big a back-handed way to favor rightist candidates by stirring up their constituents? These are big, messy things. Labeling journalists as "liberals" doesn't get you very far toward understanding the same media that marched alongside a strongly conservative administration that paid Baghdad.

It's true that in polls journalists describe themselves as liberal more often than the

general population does. You'd expect that of a profession that demands its practitioners to be middlebrow, skeptical, public-spirited and chronically underpaid.

But the larger politics of the media no more derives from the preferences of journalists than the politics of the Vatican is based on the concerns of parish priests. In both cases, vows of obedience to professional norms prevail. Reporters in Iraq may have doubted that aerial bombardment was a good way to spread the blessings of liberty, just as reporters in Washington wondered if bankrupting the treasury through tax cuts was sound economic stimulus. But those doubts didn't stop them from reporting on both with often maddening neutrality.

Plus, media owners have businesses to run. If we were discussing the politics of Microsoft or Boeing, we'd start not with social philosophy but with self-interest. Uniquely among powerful institutions in this society, the media are presumed, even by their

harshest critics, to be motivated by principle.

In fact, media-owning corporations have enormous interests of their own that impinge on an ever-widening swath of public policy. These are hugely important things, ranging from campaign finance reform (who ends up with those millions?), broadcast deregulation and antitrust, to virtually everything related to the Internet, intellectual property, globalization and free trade, and so on to minimum wage, affirmative action and environmental policy (SUVs are very heavily advertised).

This isn't to say that media skill mindlessly for their owners, any more than their reporters are stealth operatives for pet causes. What it suggests is that media politics is a tricky and complicated matter, and deserves careful examination, not hair-trigger denunciations.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Nuke tanks leaking

**SC** COLUMBIA — Fifteen tanks holding deadly atomic waste at a nuclear weapons complex along the Savannah River have cracked, rusted or leaked, according to federal inspection reports.

Some of the cracks date to the 1950s, when the steel tanks first went into use at the Savannah River Site. But inspection reports say some leaks have been found in the past three years.

In 2001, 92 gallons of radioactive waste leaked through a 40-year-old tank into a containment area. Six leak sites were found on the 750,000-gallon, 24-foot high steel tank.

Secondary containment systems have kept radioactive poisons from getting into groundwater. But a containment system failed in 1960, and the waste leaked into the ground, the reports said.

The 300-square-mile federal weapons complex has 51 steel tanks holding 37 million gallons of waste, including uranium, cesium and plutonium.

## Sex sauna shuttered

**NY** A state appeals court in Manhattan has shut down a reputed gay sex sauna in the Wall Street area after its management failed to keep a promise that alleged high-risk sexual activity there would be stopped.

The Supreme Court's Appellate Division granted the city's nuisance abatement petition and closed the Wall Street Sauna after health department undercover inspectors reported seeing 33 acts of high-risk sex there since June 2003.

The health department, with court permission, closed the sauna Feb. 2 "as part of its ongoing effort to combat AIDS," a city law department statement said. Eighteen of the sex acts occurred after a Sept. 11, 2003, warning letter to the club, the statement said.

On Feb. 11, 2004, Justice Louis York let part of the sauna, which is at Broadway and Maiden Lane, set open on the condition that all sexual activity would be barred. But in April, a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene investigator reportedly saw more high-risk sex.

The sauna's entry fee, which included a locker, was \$11, said a man who answered the telephone.

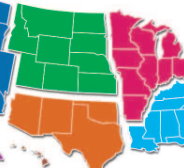
## Still seeking justice

**FL** JACKSONVILLE — The son of a black maid who was killed during race riots 40 years ago has gotten another rejection in his campaign against three white men who were indicted on murder charges but never stood trial.

State Attorney Harry Shorstein wrote to Shelton Chappell, son of Johnnie May Chappell, that he is "saddened by ... this historically tragic loss" but will not reopen the 1964 case.

Shelton Chappell, who was just 4 months old when his mother was killed, said he was disappointed but will continue to seek justice. "I'm not going to stop," he told The Florida Times-Union. "We've come this far, and my mother deserves better than this."

Johnnie May Chappell was shot March 1964 during race riots as black protesters demonstrated at hotels and restaurants demanding



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

equal rights.

Four men were indicted but only one went to trial. A jury convicted the confessed shooter, J.W. Rich, of manslaughter, and he spent three years in prison.

## Teen remains in coma

**WI** MILWAUKEE — A 14-year-old boy suffered brain injuries and a fractured skull in the second severe beating by a mob in this city in less than a week.

The boy, who was attacked a few blocks from the site of a fatal mob beating in 2002, remained in a coma.

The attack began as a shoving match between the teen and a younger boy at a recreation program, the victim's older sister told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The sister did not want to be identified.

The younger boy ran to get older relatives. One man, in his early to mid-20s, hit the 14-year-old over the head with a piece of lumber, police said.

Twenty people were there but it was unclear how many were involved in the fight. Milwaukee police were looking for a man considered a suspect in the case but had not made any arrests, Capt. Michael Young said.

## Vandals in village

**VT** WEST BURKE — Village trustees just want a little peace and quiet.



## Gettin' jiggy

Kate Hanser, left, performs the Highland Fling along with Paul Graf, center, and Greg Graf during the 49th annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans near Linville, N.C.

They say groups of young people are vandalizing property, using foul language and intimidating children in the local park — and it's time to nip the problem in the bud.

The board of trustees had a meeting with residents, Vermont State Police Lt. George Hacking and Constable Paul Gallant to discuss the issue.

Board of trustees Chairman Mike Harris said a group of youngsters has formed a "gang," which is the core of the problem.

He said he has talked with principals at schools in Burke, Sutton and Newark. They all said they have noticed some children wearing bandanas and trying to recruit other, younger students.

Gallant and the state police have been focusing on West Burke for the past month and the situation has improved some, Harris said.

## Held for ransom

**CA** POMONA — Fourteen suspected illegal immigrants and seven others suspected of holding them for ransom were discovered in a raid on a Pomona home, police said.

Police went to the house after receiving a tip that illegal immigrants were being held against their will after paying \$1,500 to \$3,000 to be transported to the United States, said police Sgt. A.C. Cox.

## School fund use queried

**TX** FORT WORTH — Critics are questioning the use of the state's Permanent School Fund to help lure a massive Wal-Mart distribution center to Baytown.

In the deal, the Permanent School Fund will buy a 2 million square foot facility from Wal-Mart for a projected \$80 million and lease it back to the retailer for 30 to 40 years, with the rent payments going to the fund.

Details of the transaction were obtained through a Texas Public Information Act request filed by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Since the fund is tax-exempt, local cities, counties and school districts can't collect taxes on the land or the building. And unlike most locally approved tax breaks, Wal-Mart isn't required to meet investment or job-creation goals.

## Historic site unearthed

**VA** ROANOKE — Archaeologists have uncovered pottery pieces, spear tips made of quartz and a large cooking area in an American Indian settlement dating back to the 13th century.

The dig is the latest of several that have taken place over the last few decades along the Roanoke River. A series of floods, which may have forced the group to leave, protected the artifacts and kept them from becoming mixed with the remnants of later civilizations, said Bill Stanyard, a senior archaeologist at the site.

Stanyard's team of a dozen archaeologists plan to continue excavating the 8,000-square-foot site for the next several weeks.

When the dig is complete, the settlement will be mapped and the artifacts will be stored by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to be made available to researchers or museums. The site will then be wiped out when the river channel is widened for flood reduction.



## Big shot

Loyd Bagwell, 11, prepares to shoot a 3-foot-tall basketball as he plays Monster Basketball during the Hoopla 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Hillcrest Park in Clovis, N.M.



## Problem solver

First-grader Mathew Sie, 6, from Glendale Hills, Calif., keeps a sharp eye on his test questionnaire during the annual Kumon Math Challenge at the University of Southern California.



## Dinner time

This black-crowned night heron was to swallow a spot it picked up while patrolling the shallow waters of Town Creek, in Beaufort, N.C.





Enjoying the sunshine

Wendy Fairchild-Valdez watches her son play soccer at Kroh Park in Loveland, Colo.



Hanging on

Dave Gear competes in the jump category of the Fergus Falls Barefoot Open and National Barefoot League Tournament on the Otter Tail River in Fergus Falls, Minn.



Political cheerleader

A supporter cheers for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts as he speaks at a breakfast in New York.



Educational trip

Street in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Susan Auerbach, center, explains to her sons Gabriel, 7, left, and Simon, 4, how a guillotine works during the fourth annual Bastille Day on Smith

## 'For sale' signs for sale

**NH** PLAISTOW — Housing prices are going up, and so is the cost of advertising a home for sale.

Real estate agents are fuming over the town's recent decision to charge them \$50 a month for each "For Sale" sign they post in front of homes.

The issue came up when a local car dealership was ordered to pay the fee when it repainted an old sign to reflect a change in ownership. Former Selectman Barbara Hobbs, who owns the land where the business is located, complained to the town building inspector, saying that if her tenant had to pay, real estate agents should as well.

## Grouse quandary

**NV** RENO— Nevada has an abundance of sage grouse habitat and healthy populations, but a new state report says a broad spectrum of public-land use restrictions may be necessary in some areas to protect the bird from demise.

The report by Gov. Kenny Guinn's sage grouse conservation team identifies statewide goals and recommendations from local planning groups around the state to address specific threats in specific areas.

The highest priority should be to protect population strongholds and large swaths of healthy sagebrush habitat critical to the bird's survival, according to the report.

## Sex offenders study

**TX** DALLAS — Texas leads the nation in the number of registered sex offenders living in nursing homes after being paroled from prison, according to a new study.

A study by the Oklahoma-based advocacy group A Perfect Cause found 380 sex offenders living at nursing homes in 32 states by matching the addresses of sex offenders in state registries with government-recognized nursing homes.

Texas had the most, with 70 offenders at 57 nursing homes. Further analysis by The Dallas Morning News found two additional sex offenders living in Texas nursing homes.

Illinois was No. 2, with 57 offenders at 38 nursing homes, according to A Perfect Cause.

## Getting their due

**VA** NORFOLK — About 200 city school employees are seeking the weekend with a stash of overdue cash.

Amid fears that labor lawsuits soon will spread throughout Virginia, the Norfolk school system is issuing nearly \$65,000 in overtime checks to right any wrongs.

The money is for overtime wages employees earned, but were not paid as far back as September 2001.

The 1938 federal Fair Labor Standards Act requires that employees earn 1½ times their regular wage for each hour they work over 40 hours a week. The law allows for workers to recoup up to three years of back pay.

## Hunger strike

**WA** SPOKANE— A jail inmate who has not eaten solid food since February has been sentenced to more than 14 years in state prison, where he wants to con-

tinue his fast, his lawyer said.

A weak Charles R. McNabb, 50, was taken in a wheelchair to Spokane County Superior Court, where Judge Jerome Leveque sentenced him to 17½ months in prison after McNabb pleaded guilty to single counts of first-degree arson and first-degree assault in a May 23, 2003, fire at his estranged wife's home.

McNabb has lost nearly half of the 180 pounds he weighed when arrested, Collins said. The inmate weighs at least 80, but less than 100 pounds, Collins said.

McNabb sporadically began refusing to eat last November, but hasn't voluntarily eaten solid food since Feb. 5, Collins said. He drinks water and occasionally coffee.

## Too young to drive

**NH** HOOKSETT — Police are wondering whether any adults should be charged in the case of a 3-year-old who drove into a mobile home.

The toddler was left alone in a running car in Hooksett. All alone, the child climbed into the driver's seat and managed to put it in reverse. The car traveled 70 feet before crashing into a mobile home, sending it a foot-and-a-half off its foundation.

Luckily, the driver was not hurt.

## Tattooed cops

**KY** FRANKFORT — Considering "cultural changes" in the population, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he's asked the Kentucky State Police to reconsider its policy prohibiting troopers from sporting visible tattoos.

The governor said he asked State Police Commissioner Mark Miller to review the agency's policy regarding tattoos.

However, Fletcher did not definitively say what the policy's fate would be.

Under the Lexington policy, officers are not allowed to have tattoos or brands that are visible from the waist up. Lt. Mike Blanton, of the Lexington Division of Police, officers who had tattoos before the rule went into effect in March are not allowed to get new ones, Blanton said. Prospective officers would not be eligible to join the force if they have a visible tattoo, he said.

## School exec walks away

**OK** STILLWATER — An Oklahoma State University vice president who was criticized for his role in a controversy surrounding unauthorized access to Texas Tech University software quit.

OSU President David Schmidly said he received and accepted Gary Wiggins' letter of resignation, which takes effect July 31.

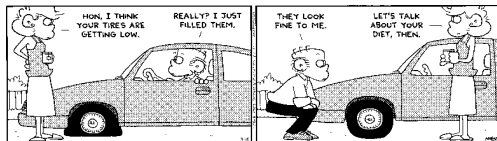
In his resignation letter, Wiggins said major changes are needed in the university's information technology system, and that the "current political environment leaves me a less than ideal choice to make them."

Wiggins' resignation comes weeks after two employees were forced to resign for their use of copyrighted software. In a June 25 report, OSU's general counsel said Brandon LaBonte and Michael Hewett "more likely than not" gained unauthorized access to Texas Tech computers to copy programming codes used for OSU's online events calendar.

Stories and photos from wire services



Fox trot



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Baby Bites



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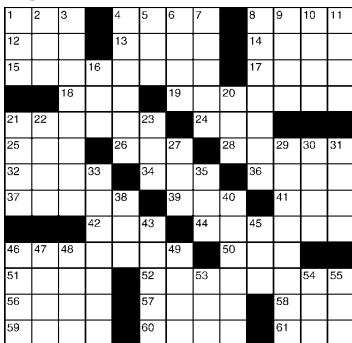
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOUR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS ARE PHYSICISTS, YOU MIGHT BE CALLED A NUCLEAR FAMILY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals D











## FACES 'N' PLACES

# Spider-Man

## suit a most snatched from actor

Tobey Maguire could have lost role in 'Spider-Man 2' because of a bad back

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN  
The Associated Press

CULVER CITY, Calif.

Under cover of darkness, Tobey Maguire will wear a disguise and sneak around town.

His mission: to watch some of his own film — "Spider-Man 2" — a movie in which he almost lost the starring role, despite the huge success of 2002's "Spider-Man."

"It's exciting. I'll sneak in one night. You want to go when the fans are crazy into the film, and that's when it's fun, to catch that energy," said the 29-year-old actor.

The star of "Seabiscuit" and "Pleasantville" says this won't be his first incognito cinema experience. "I've done it a few times. I'll go and just watch 15 minutes of the movie in two or three different theaters, just to feel how the audience is digging it, get that immediate reaction."

But isn't that a risky move for one of the summer's most famous faces, likely to get him mobbed if someone recognizes him? "I'll be fine," Maguire responded. "I'll wear a hat and go in, wait until it's dark, stand there for 10 minutes and leave. They'll never know."

Like his superhero alter ego, Maguire has a reputation for being almost pathological withdrawing when it comes to high-pressure public exposure.

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"I AM an ordinary guy," he insisted in a recent interview at the Culver Studios lot. "I guess if the question is, 'Would I like to be anonymous in all situations?' sometimes, sure. But I can remain somewhat anonymous, or just not go to a place where I'm going to [be recognized.] Then I'm not aware of it at all."

He shrugged. "I chose to give up my general anonymity," he said.

Maguire came close to getting an unwelcome dose of anonymity shortly before shooting began on "Spider-Man 2," something that could have tanked his young career. In what is becoming a famous piece of Hollywood lore, the actor nearly lost his Spider suit to someone else in March 2003 because he told the producers he had a bad back.

"First I was just disclosing it — you have to fill out in-



COLUMBIA PICTURES/SYGMA

Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker ponders his secret identity in "Spider-Man." Maguire said he disclosed his back problems because he didn't want to derail the \$200 million film.

surance industry forms that say, 'Do you have any back problems?' This is something that I have to say, 'Yeah, I have a condition.'"

Maguire said he didn't want to be responsible for derailing a movie that costs \$200 million midway through the shoot.

"If something did happen — God forbid — and they investigated, they would learn that I knew I had back problems. If I didn't disclose it I could get in trouble. I felt like I didn't have a choice."

After finishing the physically grueling role of jockey Red Pollard in "Seabiscuit," Maguire said his chronically painful back was the worst it had been in three or four years.

"I saw all the stunts I had to do for 'Spider-Man 2.' I thought, 'Wow, that's a lot. I don't know if I'm going to be able to do all that stuff.'"

So his representatives took the back problem claim to director Sam Raimi and producer Laura Ziskin. They turned to a possible replacement, Jake Gyllenhaal — the similarly puppy-dog-faced star of "The Day After Tomorrow."

"It was implied if there was an injury on the set in one of these stunts, [Maguire] might become paralyzed permanently," Raimi said. "I thought, 'Well, I can't make a movie about responsibility then ask this kid to do something that might paralyze him.'"

Raimi suggested there was a disconnect between what was really wrong with Maguire's back and the dire complaints the actor's representatives — one of whom has since been replaced — took to the "Spider-Man 2" filmmakers.

Raimi said Gyllenhaal — who's also the boyfriend of "Spider-Man" co-star Kirsten Dunst — agreed to consider the role.

Then Maguire came to Raimi with a new revelation: He would be fine doing the stunts after all. And the stunts would not paralyze him.

"Pain for actors, I can deal with," Raimi said. "So all of the sudden, it changed everything." After doctors certified his fitness, Maguire was back in the tights.

Despite the debacle, Maguire ended up getting a reported \$17 million for the sequel. That's about \$13 million more than his salary on the original — which earned more than \$400 million domestically and became one of the top five biggest blockbusters in history.

There are already plans for a third "Spider-Man" movie, and No. 2 is already poised to be one of the year's biggest hits.

## Key West welcomes O'Donnell cruise

Rosie O'Donnell's new cruise line is getting a warm welcome in sunny Key West, Fla.

O'Donnell will receive the key to the city this week when her cruise, billed as the first that caters to gay and lesbian families, stops at the popular island port Wednesday on its inaugural voyage, officials said.

The Norwegian Dawn's seven-day trip starts between New York on Sunday and is the first cruise of R Family Vacations, the O'Donnell-backed company that promotes family-friendly vacations for gays and lesbians.

Key West has long fostered a reputation as a tolerant vacation community that is especially friendly to gays and lesbians. A street fair will provide entertainment for children on the cruise.



O'Donnell

## 'Route 66' star seeks marrow donor

Actor Martin Milner is seeking the public's help in finding a bone marrow donor for his leukemia-stricken daughter.

Milner, who starred in the TV series "Route 66" and "Adam 12," said a marrow transplant may be the only hope for 45-year-old Amy Milner, and no suitable donor has been found among family members or on the national registry.

Milner hopes widespread blood testing will help his daughter and others.

His daughter Amy, a single mother who lives in Encinitas, Calif., was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in February 2003.

Blood drives to find a match are scheduled in San Diego and Carlsbad, Calif. This month and one is set for the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles on July 16. Kent McCord, Milner's friend and "Adam 12" co-star, is heading the SAG drive.

## PeopleSoft founder buys 'Bonanza' ranch

A theme park based on the 1960s television show "Bonanza" has been sold to PeopleSoft founder David Duffield for an undisclosed sum.

Duffield, who became a residential real estate developer after leaving as president and CEO of the software maker in 1999, was vague about his plans for the 570-acre Ponderosa Ranch.

The ranch, on Lake Tahoe's north shore in Nevada, opened in 1967 based on the NBC show Bonanza, which aired from 1959 to 1973. The park includes a mock old West town, a shooting gallery and stunt performances.

Local, state and federal officials had hoped to purchase and preserve the real estate. The U.S. Forest Service planned to use \$35 million generated by a recent auction of federal land near Las Vegas to purchase about 490 acres of the ranch.

## Pat O'Brien moves to 'The Insider'

"You will never hear me ask what someone is wearing again," says Pat O'Brien, talking about his new syndicated entertainment show, "The Insider."

O'Brien confirmed that he'll host Paramount Domestic Television's new nightly half-hour newsmagazine, which premieres Sept. 13.

"It was time to move on," the former "Access Hollywood" co-anchor said in a phone interview from New York. He had been with the show since 1997.

"The Insider" will be "more newsy, unpredictable, with longer interviews," O'Brien said. "It will not be tabloid. If it gets tabloid, you'll see me in my pimp truck and leave town. You can hold me to that."

A former CBS sportscaster, O'Brien, 56, will cover the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, for MSNBC and NBC late-night programming.

Billy Bush, the East Coast correspondent for "Access Hollywood," will join Nancy O'Dell as co-anchor starting Aug. 12 from the Summer Olympics, executive director Rob Silverstein said Friday.



O'Brien





# Yokosuka's Club Alliance is the place to be!

**Mixers 'n Wings** July 21 from 1900 to 2200

"Mixers" featuring Sharky's new drinks:

Love Juice / Southern Screw / Karma Chameleon / Eliminator / Wa-Hoo / Frozen Daquiri / The Graveyard

"Wings"

Try our Mild, Hot or Sharky's Extreme Wings for only \$.10 each.

Entertainment provided

**MC Battle** July 31 in Sharky's Beverage Company

Registration begins at 1900 / Battle begins at 2000

Prizes will be provided by MWR Club Operations

"Weak MC's Need not Apply"

**Dance Battle** August 6 at Club Alliance

Registration begins at 1900 / Battle begins at 2000

Prizes will be awarded to individual and team champions

"If You Want Respect, You've Got To Take It"

**DJ EZ Rock Live** August 28 at Club Alliance

Join us for a demonstration by DJ EZ Rock and a base wide DJ contest. Following the contest DJ EZ Rock will spin for the crowd. Contest open to all DJs that submit their entry form to Entertainment Office by Friday, August 20. Prizes awarded to first, second and third place winners. Grand prize winner will be billed as 2004 Top Yokosuka DJ.

Best known for his 1988 platinum hip-hop classic "It Takes Two," Rob Base, with DJ E-Z Rock, rode his hit onto R&B radio stations as well as clubs, providing a touchstone for the style known as hip-house.



## SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan and Korea Standard time. Guam is one hour ahead; Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind. Schedule subject to change without notice.

## Television

## AFN-Atlantic

FRID., July 16, 8 a.m. — Post-baseball: Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Mets.

## AFN-South

THU., July 15, 8 a.m. — Cycling: Tour de France, 1st stage.  
THU., July 15, 8 a.m. — Post-baseball: 75th All-Star Game.  
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## Pro basketball

## WNBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	11	8	.579	
Connecticut	11	9	.550	1 1/2
Indiana	11	9	.550	1 1/2
New York	9	9	.500	2 1/2
Washington	11	9	.550	1 1/2

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	11	9	.550	
Seattle	11	9	.550	
San Antonio	11	9	.550	
San Diego	11	9	.550	
Utah	11	9	.550	

## Soccer

## Major League Soccer

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
MetroStars	6	4	2	20	26	31
D.C. United	6	4	2	20	26	31
Columbus	4	4	4	16	24	24
New England	4	4	4	16	24	24

## Western Conference

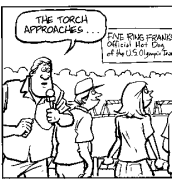
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Kansas City	4	4	4	16	24	24
Dallas	4	4	4	16	24	24
San Jose	4	4	4	16	24	24

## Cycling

## Tour de France

Tuesday  
At Gueret, France  
High Stage  
99.73 miles from Paris  
1. Robbie McEwan, Australia, Lotto-Domina, 37:00.  
2. Tom Hovind, Norway, Credit Agricole, 37:01.  
3. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, Cofidis Credit Agricole, 37:02.  
4. Jerome Pineau, France, Brioche La Boulangerie, 37:03.  
5. Eric Turgot, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 37:04.  
6. Janek Tombak, Estonia, Cofidis Credit Agricole, 37:05.  
7. Tom Boonen, Belgium, Quick-Step-Daviton, 37:06.  
8. Danilo Hondo, Germany, Gerolsteiner, 37:07.  
9. Sergio Marinangeli, Spain, Domina Vacanze, 37:08.  
10. Inigo Landaluze, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.  
Also  
25. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team.  
26. Thomas Voeller, France, Brioche La Boulangerie, same time.

## TANK McNAMARA



43. George Hincapie, United States, US Postal Service, same time.  
44. Lance Armstrong, United States, US Postal Service, same time.

## Overall Standings

1. Thomas Voeller, France, Brioche La Boulangerie, 36 hours, 36 minutes, 31 seconds.  
2. Robbie McEwan, Australia, Lotto-Domina, 36:32.  
3. Tom Hovind, Norway, Credit Agricole, 36:33.  
4. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, Cofidis Credit Agricole, 36:34.  
5. Eric Turgot, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 36:35.  
6. Janek Tombak, Estonia, Cofidis Credit Agricole, 36:36.  
7. Tom Boonen, Belgium, Quick-Step-Daviton, 36:37.  
8. Danilo Hondo, Germany, Gerolsteiner, 36:38.  
9. Sergio Marinangeli, Spain, Domina Vacanze, 36:39.  
10. Inigo Landaluze, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.

## Military sports

## Korea swimming

8th U.S. Army Championship  
July 10, at Hanson Field House,  
Camp Casey, South Korea  
(all distances in meters)

Men's open (25-and-under) — 1. James Burt, United States, 2:57.36; 2. Kyle Seaman, Canada, 2:57.36; 3. Nicholas Lauchon, Camp Casey, 2:57.36.  
Men's senior (35-and-over) — 1. Theodore Burt, United States, 3:20.31; 2. Thomas Lauchon, Camp Casey, 3:20.31; 3. Richard Baker, Camp Casey, 3:20.31.  
Women's — 1. Elizabeth McNamara, Yongsan Garrison, 3:20.31; 2. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 3:20.31; 3. James Burt, United States, 3:20.31.

Men's open — 1. James Burt, Yongsan Garrison, 1:06.42; 2. Kyle Seaman, Camp Casey, 1:06.42; 3. Nicholas Lauchon, Camp Casey, 1:06.42.  
Men's senior — 1. Theodore Burt, Yongsan Garrison, 1:14.35; 2. Steve Cummings, Yongsan Garrison, 1:14.35; 3. Carl James, Yongsan Garrison, 1:14.35.  
Women's — 1. Karen Baker, Camp Red Cloud, 1:26.29; 2. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 1:26.29; 3. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 1:26.29.

Men's open — 1. Alan Farrer, Camp Walker, 2:43.71; 2. John King, Camp Red Cloud, 2:43.71; 3. John King, Camp Red Cloud, 2:43.71.  
Men's senior — 1. Theodore Burt, Camp Casey, 2:43.71; 2. Steve Cummings, Yongsan Garrison, 2:43.71; 3. Carl James, Yongsan Garrison, 2:43.71.  
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Men's open — 1. Chris Ward, Camp Kyle, 1:17.45; 2. Jeffrey Norson, Camp Casey, 1:17.45; 3. Jeffrey Norson, Camp Casey, 1:17.45.  
Men's senior — 1. Skip Sherrill, Camp Casey, 1:17.45; 2. Richard Reed, Camp Stanley, 1:17.45; 3. Richard Reed, Camp Stanley, 1:17.45.  
Women's — 1. Karen Baker, Camp Red Cloud, 1:26.29; 2. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 1:26.29; 3. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 1:26.29.

Men's open (100-breaststroke) — 1. Michael Eliazewski, Camp Casey, 1:16.39 (met record); 2. Michael Eliazewski, Camp Casey, 1:16.39 (met record); 3. Michael Eliazewski, Camp Casey, 1:16.39 (met record).  
Men's senior — 1. Carl James, Yongsan Garrison, 1:26.29; 2. Steve Cummings, Yongsan Garrison, 1:26.29; 3. Steve Cummings, Yongsan Garrison, 1:26.29.  
Women's — 1. Kristine Andri, Camp Casey, 1:26.29; 2. Kristine Andri, Camp Casey, 1:26.29; 3. Kristine Andri, Camp Casey, 1:26.29.

Men's open (100-butterfly) — 1. Chris Ward, Camp Kyle, 1:17.45; 2. Jeffrey Norson, Camp Casey, 1:17.45; 3. Jeffrey Norson, Camp Casey, 1:17.45.  
Men's senior — 1. Skip Sherrill, Camp Casey, 1:17.45; 2. Richard Reed, Camp Stanley, 1:17.45; 3. Richard Reed, Camp Stanley, 1:17.45.  
Women's — 1. Karen Baker, Camp Red Cloud, 1:26.29; 2. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 1:26.29; 3. Colleen Gills, Camp Casey, 1:26.29.

Men's open (200-medley relay) — 1. Michael Eliazewski, Camp Casey, 2:17.36 (met record); 2. Michael Eliazewski, Camp Casey, 2:17.36 (met record); 3. Michael Eliazewski, Camp Casey, 2:17.36 (met record).  
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Newspapers: BALCO  
to be fined \$772,000

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The owner and former medical director of a San Francisco Bay area laboratory will be fined more than \$772,000 — the largest fine ever levied against a licensed lab in California, according to newspaper reports.

Victor Conte, the lab's founder, and Dr. Brian Goldman, its medical director, face the fines, which are more than double the previous top penalty against a lab, as a result of "willful and unlawful conduct," according to a certified letter to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

The San Francisco Chronicle and The Washington Post reported that the California Department of Health Services on June 30 sent a "notice of intent to impose penalties" to Conte and Goldman.

In February, Conte was indicted as the alleged ringleader of a conspiracy to distribute illegal performance-enhancing drugs to elite athletes. He has pleaded not guilty.

The state health department cited three violations in imposing the fine: operation of a licensed clinic without proper personnel, submitting false statements on licensed documents and allowing an unlicensed person to perform complex testing.

The California lab is at the center of a sports doping scandal that has enveloped prominent athletes, including San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds and Olympic sprinter Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones.

**Iraqi Olympic chief says he escaped assassination attempt**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The head of the Iraqi Olympic committee said Tuesday militants had ambushed his convoy with rocket-propelled grenades in the middle of Baghdad, damaging his bodyguard car and injuring one of them.

Ahmed al-Hijazi said he was traveling to a television interview Monday when his two-car convoy was ambushed on Baghdad's Haifa Street, the scene of regular violence and occasional street battles between insurgents and U.S. and Iraqi forces.

"I am surprised at this attack because the Olympic Committee has nothing to do with politics. This committee belongs to all Iraqis, regardless of their political, religious or ethnic origins," al-Hijazi said.

**NASCAR fines crew chief over pit lane fight**

INDIANAPOLIS — NASCAR on Tuesday fined Casey Kravitz's crew chief \$10,000 and put him on probation for his role in a fight in Tony Stewart's pit during the Indianapolis 500.

NASCAR fined Tommy Baldwin \$5,000 for violating a rule prohibiting altercations in another team's pit area. He was fined for

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not controlling other team members and was placed on probation until Dec. 31.

The fight in Stewart's pit Sunday happened after Stewart, running third, bumped Kahne, the race leader, on a restart midway through Sunday's race. Kahne spun headfirst into the wall, putting him out of the race.

Only Baldwin was penalized by NASCAR.

**Jacobs faces doping hearing on same day as 1,500 final**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The arbitration hearing in Regina Jacobs' doping case is scheduled for Sunday, the same day she may be trying to win her 13th national title in the 1,500 meters in the U.S. Olympic trials.

Her lawyer, Edward Williams, said in a telephone interview Monday that he is waiting before three arbitrators will begin in the morning and, if necessary, break for the women's 1,500 final at 5 p.m. PDT.

The American Arbitration Association hearing has not been completed by that time, Williams said, it will resume after the race.

**Baseball World Cup might be put off until 2006**

HOUSTON — Major League Baseball might push back its plans for a World Cup tournament until 2006.

Japanese baseball owners last week rejected the proposal to have a 16-team tournament next March that would be jointly run by Major League Baseball and the Japanese League and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

South Korean baseball officials also have balked at the plan.

"We are looking forward to doing it with the Japanese and the Koreans if at all possible," Bob DuPuy, Major League Baseball's chief operating officer, said Monday before the All-Star Home Run Derby.

DuPuy plans to travel to Japan within the next month to meet with baseball officials there.

**Cards quit offseason workouts early over labor complaint**

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have ended their offseason workouts a week early after a group of players complained to the union that the team had violated league rules by working the players too hard.

NFL Executive Vice President Harold Henderson and Players Association Executive Director Gene Upshaw said the team violated rules on the intensity level and tempo of drills during training workouts under new coach Dennis Green.

As a result, the Cardinals have forfeited the final week of their offseason program, which was scheduled to run through Friday. The team reports to training camp in Flagstaff Aug. 1.

# McEwen wins his second stage

## Armstrong well-positioned as ascent begins

BY JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

GUERET, France — Move over sprinters, time for climbers to shine.

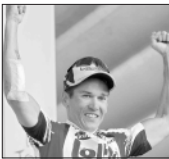
The charge for the Tour de France title intensifies Wednesday with the first mountain stage — a chance for five-time champion Lance Armstrong and other contenders to test their legs before mightier battles in the Pyrenees and Alps.

"It will be hard, especially if the race starts aggressively like it did today," Armstrong said after Tuesday's ninth stage. "A lot of people will be going home if it starts like that."

Armstrong remained in sixth place overall, finishing 44th Tuesday behind stage winner Robbie McEwen of Australia. The 32-year-old Texan is 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind leader Thomas Voeckler of France.

Wednesday's 147-mile trek through the Massif Central of central France is the longest of this Tour and has nine climbs, including the most difficult so far — a 3½-mile ascent to 5,243 feet, which gets steeper as it goes up.

Armstrong is in the dark about the stage, having not checked it



AP

**Australian Robbie McEwen, pursuing the green jersey given to the Tour's top sprinter, is the first rider this year to win two stages. He won the green jersey in 2002.**

out like some of his rivals before the Tour started.

"It's going to be tough ... up and down all day," Armstrong said. "Unfortunately, it's a stage we haven't seen. It's a hard day ahead."

He acknowledged that his teammates are "a little anxious" but insisted "they will be ready."

"The team is great and healthy," he added. "Everyone's recovered from their small crashes."

Sprinters who have dominated the mostly flat early stages will

struggle. Such speedsters include McEwen. Climbers and all-rounders like Armstrong will move to the fore — possibly offering an early look at how strong the main contenders are.

"The Tour starts now," American Tyler Hamilton, a former teammate and rival of Armstrong's, said during Monday's rest day. "The upcoming stages will really show who is here to win."

Even with one bad leg, McEwen was the quickest rider of the first half of the three-week Tour.

Head down, the Australian put on a burst of speed to win Tuesday's ninth stage, racing along the barriers and pushing his wheel over the line just ahead of Norwegian champion Thor Hushovd.

Armstrong, who has been saving his strength for the tough and likely decisive last week, finished comfortably in the main pack.

Jan Ullrich, his main rival, was 25th. Both finished in the same time as McEwen's 3 hours, 32 minutes, 55 seconds.

Armstrong's other main objective has been to avoid crashes like the one that took down Spain's Mikel Pradera, who plowed into a road sign and cartwheelled into the path of another rider. Both went on to finish.

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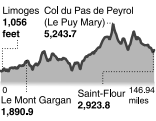
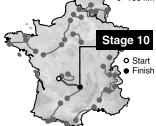
### The road climbs

The mountain stages begin with the Limoges to Saint-Flour trek. The stage climbs an 8 percent gradient to Col du Pas de Peyrol.

### Stage 10

Wednesday, July 14

0 100 km  
0 100 mi



SOURCE: Tour de France

AP

"We just sat on the wheel, took it easy," said Armstrong. The ride "was fine, didn't really surprise me at all."

The hilly 99½-mile stage, the



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**Lance Armstrong, left, is 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind Tour leader Thomas Voeckler. Armstrong expects to gain plenty of ground in the mountain stages, which begin on Wednesday.**

shortest this year except for time-trial courses, started in Saint-Leonard-de-Noblat in central France, the hometown of retired Tour great Raymond Poulidor. He is loved by fans even though he never won the showcase race — finishing either second or third a record eight times between 1962 and 1976.

McEwen became the first rider to win two stages in this Tour. But when he set out Tuesday, he wasn't even sure he'd make it to the finish. Banged up in a mass crash on Friday, he rode with a sore back and knee and said he hoped the day thinking, "I just hope I survive."

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# In long jump, more trial and error for Jones

## Seventh place enough to reach finals but well short of star's expectations

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mari-on Jones' stern face had long since faded. Smile-bare and silent, she is struggling just to make the U.S. Olympic team.

Two days after she failed to make the team in the 100, Jones was a stunning seventh in the long-jump qualifying Monday night in the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

Her best effort of 20 feet, 11 1/4 inches was more than a foot shorter than what she jumped a decade ago at Thousand Oaks, Calif., High School.

Ola Sesay led the qualifiers at 21-9. Grace Upshaw, the only other U.S. jumper who has met the Olympic standard, was second at 21-5 1/2. The top 12 advanced to Thursday's finals.

Jones' first jump was her best, followed by marks of 20-9 1/2 and 20-8 1/2. The odds favor Jones making the Athens team in the long jump because she is one of only two U.S. jumpers who have met the Olympic qualifying standard of 21-1 1/4.

If she isn't in the top three in Thursday's finals, and those who

beat her fail to reach the qualifying mark by Aug. 9, Jones would make the U.S. team.

That's not the route the long jump bronze medalist in the 2000 Olympics expected to take.

But nothing is easy these days for the embattled track and field star who four years ago became the first athlete in the sport to win five Olympic medals, three of them gold.

Jones never passed through the "mixed zone," where she was mobbed by reporters on Saturday. Instead, she slipped out through a back gate.

While Jones, who also is entered in the 200 meters in the trials, toiled under the glare of an investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, there were triumphs on the track at Horner Stadium on Monday night.

Just before Clark earned a victory to lead fifth Olympics with a trip in the women's 800 meters. Miles-Clark went to the 1988 Games in the relay pool, but did not run. She has competed in the past three Olympics.

"She deserved it. I'm so proud of her," her sister-in-law Hazel Clark said. "It's her last Olympic trials,

### Ticket to Greece

Athletes who qualified Monday in the U.S. Olympic trials for next month's Athens Games:

**Men's 800**  
Jonathan Johnson, Khadevis Robinson, Derrick Peterson  
**Men's hammer**  
James Parker (U.S. Air Force), A.G. Kruger, Travis Nutter  
**Women's 800**  
Jearl Miles-Clark, Nicole Tetter, Hazel Clark  
**Women's 5,000**  
Shayne Culpepper, Marla Runyon, Shalane Flanagan  
**Women's high jump**  
Tisha Waller, Chantelle Howard, Amy Acuff  
**Women's discus**  
Aretha Hill, Stephanie Brown, Seilala Sub

she's so tough. I admire her so much. She represents a clean athlete and has a lot of dignity, great morals. She is my role model."

Hazel Clark was third in the trials, earning a second trip to the Olympics. Nicole Tetter was second. Hazel Clark got a big surprise as she left the track when boyfriend Weston Riley proposed.

She said a loud "yes" as he hugged her and lifted her off the ground.

Shayne Culpepper, wife of U.S. marathoner Alan Culpepper, won the women's 5,000 in 15:07.41, edging three-time defending U.S. champion Marla Runyon by seven-hundredths of a second. Shalane Flanagan was third.

The last of the "BALCO Four" was eliminated from competition.



**Mari-on Jones, whose best jump Monday was 20 feet, 11 1/4 inches, is one of two Americans who have met the Olympic qualifying standard of 21-1 1/4, making her a favorite to qualify for the event.**

Alvin Harrison failed to make the finals in the 400 meters, then threatened to sue USA Track & Field for "bias and discrimination." Harrison is one of four track athletes facing a possible lifetime ban for doping even though they have not tested positive.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency charged the four based on evidence gathered in the criminal investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative (BALCO). All

four have denied the allegations and hearings are pending.

Before Harrison's departure, Jones' boyfriend and world record holder Tim Montgomery failed to make the team in the 100 meters and Chryste Gaines didn't make the finals in the women's 100. Jones has not been accused of wrongdoing by USAID but remains under investigation.

The other accused athlete, Michelle Collins, withdrew from the meet, citing a hamstring injury. Nineteen-year-old Sanya Richards led qualifiers in Collins' event, the 400 meters, at a personal-best 50.22 seconds on Monday.

The latest in a series of college athletes to shine in the trials was Jonathan Johnson of Texas Tech, who won the 800 meters in 1:44.77. Khadevis Robinson was second and Derrick Peterson third. The favorite, David Krummenacker, was fourth. The top three in each event make the U.S. team. Krummenacker had not planned to run the 1,500, but said he might change his mind.

Kindergarten teacher Tisha Waller won the high jump at 6-6. Aretha Hill won the women's discus at 208-6. She made the Olympic team eight years ago, but just missed in 2000.

James Parker, part of the Air Force's world class athlete program, won the men's hammer at 254-6.

The trials resume Thursday.

## Phelps falls to Peirsol in 200 back

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The challenges just keep coming for Michael Phelps.

The world's best swimmer couldn't keep pace with Aaron Peirsol leaving the final turn in the 200-meter backstroke, and lost for the first time in the U.S. Olympic swim trials Monday night.

Peirsol pulled away on the final lap to win in a world record 1 minute, 54.74 seconds — breaking his own mark of 1:55.15 set two years ago. Phelps earned the other Olympic berth, finishing second in 1:55.86.

"Having a loss like that will definitely fuel me a little bit more," Phelps said. "I don't like to lose."

His next challenge comes Tuesday night in the 100 butterfly

final, the last of Phelps' six individual races during the eight-day trials. Like the 200 back, it will be another match race: Phelps vs. world-record holder Ian Crocker.

Crocker was the fastest semifinal qualifier in 51.25 seconds. Phelps won his heat in 51.89.

"I love going fast. I love surprising myself," Crocker said. "That's my thrill. I'm real interested to see how fast I can go, and I'm real interested to see where Michael is at, too."

Their rivalry was established during last year's world championships, where Crocker set the world mark of 50.98 in upsetting Phelps, who had previously owned the record.

Peirsol and Phelps were both under world-record pace for the first three laps Monday, matching each other stroke for stroke.

Peirsol came off the final turn faster, and Phelps said that cost him the race.

Phelps bounced back to win the 200 individual medley, making him the first American male to qualify for five individual swimming events in an Olympics. It was his third race of the night.

Phelps won the 200 IM in 1:56.71 — 0.77 seconds off his world record. Ryan Lochte took the second berth in 1:59.71.

Amanda Beard is going to her third Olympics, having qualified in three events. She won the 200 breaststroke by nearly 5 seconds in a world-record time of 2:22.44. That broke the mark of 2:22.96 set by Australia's Leisel Jones, who set the record last week.

Martiza Correia finished fourth and became the first black woman to make the U.S. swimming team. She'll be eligible for the relay.

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# Recker takes the long way home

## Indiana native tries to resurrect basketball career at Pacers camp

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Luke Recker, wearing prep stars and college underclassman dominat the early part of the NBA Draft this year.

"It wasn't too long ago that Recker, a high school All-American, figured to be following a similar path.

"When you're coming out of high school as an All-American, you're thinking, 'Oh I'm staying one, two years like everybody else now and I'm going to be a lottery pick,'" Recker said Monday. "And that's just not reality for a lot of us. It'd be great that way. But some people have to take a different route and I've definitely taken a different route."

After two college transfers, a senior car accident and stints in Italy and the NBDL, Recker is back home in Indiana, hoping to resurrect a once-promising career at the Pacers' rookie/free agent camp.

Recker was dubbed the next big thing when he came to Indiana University in 1997. He never fit in with the Hoosiers and transferred to Arizona after averaging 16.1 points as a sophomore.

That's when his life changed.

Recker was driving with his girlfriend at the time and her brother in Durango, Colo., when he was in a car accident with a drunken driver. His girlfriend was partially paralyzed and Recker had to leave part of his left ear reattached.

"There's certainly been a lot of things that he's gone through over the last couple years, and that fact that he's still at it, still improving his game are really good signs for his career," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said.



Since playing basketball at Indiana as a sophomore, Luke Recker has been through two transfers, a car accident and a knee injury. He's trying to earn a spot on the Pacers roster at rookie/free agent camp.

Recker never played a game with Arizona, transferring to Iowa, where he averaged 18.1 points as a junior before a knee injury sidelined him for most of his senior year.

He got a tryout with the Miami Heat as an undrafted rookie and was cut on the final day of training camp.

"I was very close, too close," Recker said. "Alonzo Mourning was sick with his kidneys, so they

had to pick a big guy up and replace a guard, and that was me."

When asked if that topped the list of disappointing moments in his life, Recker chuckled.

"This is a game, it's my career, but there's a lot more important things in life," said Recker, who still has a deep scar under his left ear. "Unfortunately, that's the way this business works. You can't hold grudges, you just have to go back to work."

Recker played one season with the Asheville Altitude in the NBA's developmental league,

then averaged 16.7 points last season for an elite team in Roseto, Italy.

It was a far cry from where he assumed he would be at this point in his career. But he says he's better for it.

"It makes you tougher," Recker said. "You're very spoiled in college, especially at the Big Ten level. You receive nice accommodations, everything's first class when you're in the Big Ten."

"In minor league basketball, you're buying a lot and not staying in the nicest hotels. It just makes you stronger."

All that led up to Monday, and Recker found himself wearing a Pacers jersey, taking jump shots in an arena about two hours from where he grew up.

"It does feel like home," Recker said after the morning workout. "I love the state of Indiana. There's some great people here — my family and friends. So it's good to be home again."

As good as it does feel, Recker is far from comfortable. He knows he's a long shot to make the roster of a team that won an NBA-best 61 games during the regular season.

His first step is to impress Carlisle in this week's mini-camp before heading to Utah for summer league play.

So far, so good, Carlisle said. "He has some terrific tools to play the game at a high level," Carlisle said. "The important thing about him being here is that he's here because he's a good basketball player, not because he's an Indiana guy. We don't do that."

While he isn't anywhere close to securing a roster spot with his hometown Pacers, Recker can't help but smile when considering the possibilities.

"Ideally this would be a perfect place," he said. "But I don't want to get ahead of myself. I just want to go out and work hard and see where it takes me."

## Source: Cavs offer Boozer one-year deal

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

Making a last-ditch effort to retain Carlos Boozer, the Cleveland Cavaliers have offered him a one-year contract worth about \$5 million amid reports he will part ways with his agent, The Associated Press has learned.

The power forward's reputation has taken a beating over the past week after he stunned Cleveland by agreeing to a \$68 million offer from the Utah Jazz. Days earlier, the Cavs declined to exercise a \$695,000 option on Boozer's contract — thereby making him a free agent — in the belief he would accept a 6-year, \$41 million deal to remain in Cleveland.

But the move backfired when Boozer reneged on a verbal understanding with the Cavs and decided to take \$27 million more from Utah.

Boozer's decision has been heavily criticized around the NBA, with agents and team executives saying it has undermined the mutual trust many of them have for one another.

If Boozer accepts the Cavs' new offer, which was confirmed to the AP by a source close to the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity, he would put himself in position to be eligible next summer for an even larger contract than the ones Utah and Cleveland have offered.

Boozer and his agent, Rob Pelinka, did not return phone calls Monday.

In six NBA seasons, Boozer, did not return a call seeking comment on reports that his agency, SFX, has decided to part ways with Boozer in the wake of the contract fiasco.

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## Van Gundy, Pfund get extensions

The Associated Press

MIAMI — With the Miami Heat on the verge of acquiring Shaquille O'Neal, the team signed coach Stan Van Gundy to a multi-year extension Monday.

General Manager Randy Pfund also received an extension.

The trade for O'Neal could become official.

Wednesday. He's expected to join the Heat in exchange for Lamar Odom, Brian Grant, Caron Butler and a first-round draft pick.

Van Gundy, who took over when Pat Riley stepped down last October, led the Heat to their first postseason win in three years.

"Randy and Stan are two of the most loyal, competent and reliable men at their positions in the NBA," Riley said. "I look forward to continue working closely with them to help bring a championship to Miami."

Van Gundy joined the Heat in 1995 and spent eight seasons as an assistant to Riley. Pfund has been with the Heat the past nine seasons.

### Doleac accepts four-year, \$12 million deal with Heat

MIAMI — Free agent center Michael Doleac and the Miami Heat agreed to terms Tuesday on a four-year deal worth nearly \$12 million, said Glenn Schwartzman, the player's agent.

The 6-foot-11, 262-pound Doleac averaged 4.5 points and 3.7 rebounds last season with New York and Denver. He attracted interest from seven teams and was offered more money by New Orleans before choosing Miami, Schwartzman said.

"Miami had always shown sincere interest in Michael," Schwartzman said. "He looked at a lot of different variables, contract length, direction of the organization and decided Miami was where he wanted to be."

The deal should be official by Thursday, Schwartzman said. No free agent signings or trades can take place until a two-week league-wide moratorium expires.

In six NBA seasons, Doleac has averaged 5.6 points and 3.6 rebounds.

### Hawks sign first-round picks Childress, Smith

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks said Monday they signed their two first-round draft picks — forwards Josh Childress and Josh Smith.

Childress, the sixth overall pick in the draft last season, was an All-American last season at Stanford as a junior. The 6-foot-8 Childress averaged 15.7 points, 7.5 rebounds and led the Cardinal in blocked shots.

The 6-9 Smith, the No. 17 overall pick, played last season at Oak Hill Academy in Virginia.

The suburban Atlanta native averaged 25.8 points, 7.4 rebounds in leading his team to a 38-0 record.

# Ranking the NFL's offseason moves

BY RICK GOSSELIN  
The Dallas Morning News

**DALLAS** — NFL championships have always been won on the field during the season. But teams historically have been able to stack the deck during the offseason.

Tampa Bay traded several premium draft picks in 2002 for coach Jon Gruden, who directed the Buccaneers to their first Super Bowl championship that season.

Baltimore signed free-agent tight end Shannon Sharpe in 2000, St. Louis traded for running back Marshall Faulk in 1999, and the Cowboys signed free-agent cornerback Deion Sanders in 1995. All were Pro Bowl additions — and all three teams went on to win Super Bowls that season.

## Analysis

Make the right move in March and you may wind up with a Super Bowl ring in February.

The Washington Redskins certainly hope so. The Redskins have been among the NFL's busiest teams this offseason. That's been their history under the ownership of Dan Snyder.

But with the Skins coming off a fourth consecutive non-playoff season, Snyder made his boldest move yet — bolder even than the signings of future Hall of Famers Sanders and Bruce Smith in 2000.

This offseason, Snyder lured a current Hall of Famer to Redskins Park, hiring Joe Gibbs back as head coach. He's the 14th-winning coach in NFL's history. He also won three Super Bowls with the different quarterbacks.

In a salary-cap world, a greater premium has been placed on the head coach. Stability on the sideline can overcome a lack of stability on the field. Witness the quick turnarounds at Kansas City and Dallas after Dick Vermeil and Bill Parcells were coaxed out of retirement.

Snyder invested \$25 million in Gibbs. It figures to be money well spent. Gibbs represents the best offseason addition in the NFL.

Actually, put him down as 1A. The addition of Pro Bowl halfback Clinton Portis ranks as 1B.

He's already a great NFL runner, having rushed for 1,500 yards in each of his first two NFL seasons. His new coach can make him even better.

Gibbs likes to pound the ball and has been able to generate a ground game no matter how talented his ball carriers. Gibbs made a 200-yard rusher out of underbilled Timmy Smith in the 1988 Super Bowl and a 120-yard rusher out of an aging Earnest Byner in 1990. 22. Portis is still at the front end of his career. He's arguably the most talented back Gibbs has coached.

Gibbs and Portis pose a daunting combination in '04 and thereafter. But the Redskins might be the only team that swung for the fences at this offseason. There are eight more additions that round out the NFL's Top 10 offseason moves:

1A. Joe Gibbs

1B. Clinton Portis  
3. Terrell Owens, WR, Philadelphia: The Eagles have tried for three years to win on offense with a star quarterback and 10 role players. Having lost three straight NFC title games, Andy Reid decided it was time to bring in another star to ease Donovan McNabb's burden. Owens has caught 51 TD passes in his past four seasons. Suddenly, McNabb has a go-to guy.

4. Gunther Cunningham, defensive coordinator, Kansas City: Cunningham spoiled Kansas City fans with a physical, attacking defense in the 1990s that made the Chiefs annual Super Bowl contenders. But under Greg Robinson the past three years, the Chiefs played a softer, finesse style that sank to 29th in the NFL in defense in 2003. Now Cunningham is back, and so are those Super Bowl aspirations.

5. Corey Dillon, RB, New England: Bill Belichick won two Super Bowls in the last three years with a sub par running game. Dillon gives the Patriots what Owens gives the Eagles — someone to ease the pressure on an overburdened quarterback.

If Belichick can convince Dillon it's a team game, pencil in the Patriots as favorites to repeat.

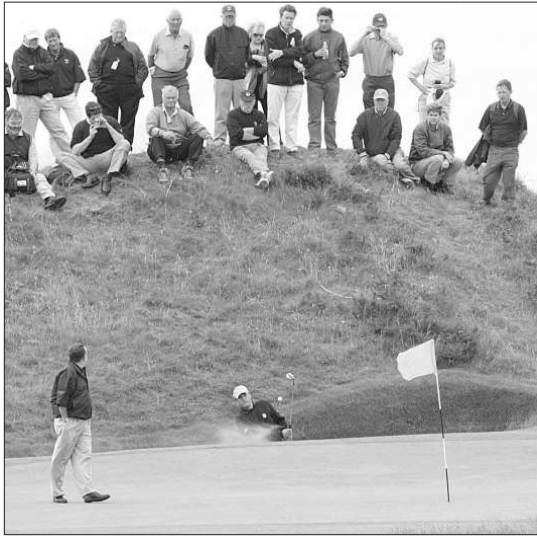
6. Dan Woody, G, Detroit: Woody was the best blocker on the best team in football in 2003. But when New England won the Super Bowl, an injured Woody last February, the Patriots decided against overpaying to keep him. So he brings his talent and leadership to the Patriots.

7. Antoine Winfield, CB, Minnesota: The Vikings lacked grit on defense, which explains why the NFL's best offense sat out the 2003 postseason. Pound-for-pound, Winfield is one of the toughest players in the NFL. He's only 5-9 but comes off 94-tackle season for the AFC's best defense (Buffalo). The Vikes spent \$35 million on true grit.

8. Joe Garcia, CB, Cleveland: A controversy at quarterback produced a lack of continuity on offense, which sank the Browns from playoff contention. Garcia, who played from 1992 to 2002 to last-place finisher in 2003. With the arrival of Garcia and departure of Tim Couch, there is no longer a controversy. Garcia brings a Pro Bowl presence to a huddle that sorely needs some leadership.

9. Rodriquez, special teams coach, Jacksonville: The Jaguars fielded the worst special teams in the NFL in Jack Del Rio's first 10 years. Rodriquez has coached special teams that led the NFL at Washington and Seattle.

10. Kerry Collins, QB, Oakland: AJ Davis has a fondness for the long ball, and Collins has the arm to return that weapon to the Oakland offense. He has a string of 10 straight wins in eight seasons. He wasn't the problem in New York, but he can be a big part of the solution in Oakland.



Spectators watch at Royal Troon's eighth hole, known as the "Postage Stamp" for its small green, as Ben Curtis, last year's British Open winner, hits out of a bunker known as "the coffin" during a practice round.

## Troon: British course is back-loaded

TROON, FROM BACK PAGE

There is one trick to Royal Troon — get your birdies while you can.

The first seven holes run south along the Firth of Clyde with a prevailing breeze at the players' backs. The front nine is a par 36 at only 3,462 yards, and even the 601-yard sixth hole — the longest in British Open history — can be reached in two by most players.

The back nine is dead into the wind, and is a par 35 at 3,713 yards.

"If you're even par after the front nine, you think you've lost something," Love said. "And if you're even par on the back, you think you did pretty good."

Royal Troon is just north of Prestwick, where the British Open was held the first 12 years and Colin Montgomerie is famous for saying, "If you're not under par after nine holes at Troon, you may as well go to the clubhouse at Prestwick and have lunch."

Goosen's victory at Shinnecock Hills kept one streak alive — Americans have not swept the four majors since Jack Stadler (Masters), Tom Watson (U.S. Open and British Open) and Raymond Floyd (PGA) in 1982.

But they have enjoyed great success at Royal Troon, five straight victories dating to Arnold Palmer in 1962. Justin Leonard won the claret jug last time the Open was held at Troon in 1997, coming from five shots off the lead.

The best American hope used to be Woods, but that's no necessarily the case anymore.

### Facts & figures

Event: 123rd British Open  
Dates: July 15-18  
Site: Royal Troon  
Length: 7,175 yards  
Par: 71  
Format: 72 holes, stroke play  
Playoff: Four holes, stroke play  
Winner's share: 220,000 pounds  
Defending champion: Ben Curtis

Last year: Ben Curtis closed with a 2-under 69 for a one-shot victory over Tom O'Rourke and David Leadbetter.

Curtis, No. 396 in the world ranking, became the first player since Francis Ouimet in the 1913 U.S. Open to win the first major he entered. He only qualified by his tie for 12th in the Western Open. His best finish yet in his rookie year, Curtis was the only player to break par at Royal St. George's, finishing at 1-under.

Open champions at Royal Troon: Arthur Havers (1923), Rodney Locke (1950), Arnold Palmer (1962), Tom Weiskopf (1970), Tom Watson (1982), Mark Calcuthach (1989), Justin Leonard (1997).

Anniversary: Seve Ballesteros won the Open for the first time 25 years ago in the British Open, playing one shot out of the parking lot at Royal Lytham & St. Annes to beat Jack Nicklaus and Ben Curnieau.

Quoteworthy: "More people probably want to go to the Masters, but I think most people have got up around the world seeing the Open Championship as the biggest tournament in the world." — David Lewis III.

Woods has only one victory this year, in the Accenture Match Play Championship, and he has not seriously challenged in the past three majors. Tensions ran high last month in the U.S. Open, when his caddy kicked over the lens of a news photographer on the 10th tee and confiscated the camera of someone in the gallery during the final round.

There is great scrutiny of Woods' swing, and great curiosity where the ball is going. "Pure and simple, he can't

drive the ball in the fairway," Nick Price said. "From all I've seen now the last five months, his off-the-tee game is so erratic, and there's no pattern to it because he's losing it right and left. Until such time as he starts getting the ball in the fairway, he's going to struggle."

"You have to be a great driver of the ball to win major championships."

Mickelson has never finished in the top 10 in a British Open, although he has never played this well. And he has never been this excited about playing in golf's oldest championship.

"In the past, I felt not as comfortable with the type of shot that I needed to hit or the way to hit them," Mickelson said.

"Many of the shots that I have worked on throughout the year are shots I'll be expecting to use at Troon."

Woods narrowly made the cut in the Western Open and wound up in a tie for seventh, another top 10 that only made his game look better than it is. He was working on the low stinger shot that figures to come in handy in the British Open. But Woods, who won at St. Andrews at a record 19 under par, said British links require a variety of shots.

"You can get suckered into hitting the low ball all day," he said. "The problem is you start doing that, and then you can't get the ball in the air. One of the things I work on for the British Open is trying to hit the ball really high and really low, so I've got a whole arsenal. I can work with out there."

# Tejada wins one for the little guys

## Muscle-bound sluggers bested by O's shortstop in Home Run Derby

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Miguel Tejada didn't seem to fit in. Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Willie Mays — and him.

"Shivers," he recalled. "Just being so close to those guys, it's unbelievable."

Bonds hit the early drives — after a humorous call for the usual intentional walk — and Tejada then flashed even more power than the slugger who usually gets the attention.

The Baltimore shortstop hit a record 15 home runs in the second round, topping out at 497 feet and putting several over the 58-foot wall behind the left field seats, toward Crawford Street. He went on to defeat hometown favorite Lance Berkman 5-4 in the final with five of 10 outs to spare.

"Oh my gosh, I'm winning the Home Run Derby," Tejada thought to himself. "I usually watch it from my house, usually watch it on TV."

Five of Berkman's 10 homers in the second round were dramatic shots over the bullpup, including a 493-foot drive.

"After I hit three in a row out of the stadium, I thought that was really neat. The fans were going crazy," Berkman said. "I got in a nice groove. The second round was quite an experience. I ran out of gas."

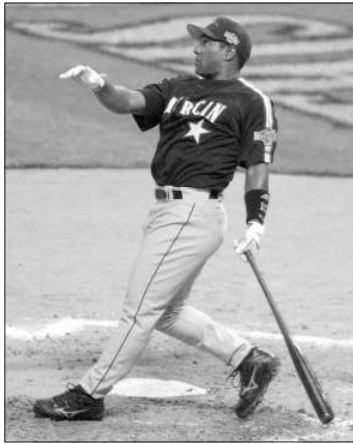
Both finalists batted right-handed and replaced left-handers who pulled out, with Tejada taking over from Jason Giambi and Berkman, a switch-hitter, getting the call after Ken Griffey Jr. got hurt last weekend. The big wall in left, which has a replica 1860 locomotive that runs across it, provides a perfect panorama for right-handers.

When he took his first swing, Tejada was hoping to hit just one homer.

"Miggy, you're not going to win," he recalled thinking. "There's so many home run hitters."

Bonds did get pitched to, hitting eight homers with the roof closed in the first round, one a 483-foot shot over the top row of seats in the right-field upper deck. But he had just three in the second, when the panels pulled back to reveal the night sky, and the humidity rolled in.

Before the competition, the 14



**Baltimore Orioles' Miguel Tejada watches the flight of one of his record 15 home runs in the second round of the All-Star Home Run Derby in Houston on Monday. Tejada defeated Lance Berkman in the final round.**

living players among the 20 with 50 or more homers came together to swap stories, pose for photos and project what the future will bring to the long ball. If the ball has been juiced in recent years, this was the appropriate setting for such a gathering — Minute Maid Park.

Adding it all up, the gathering

totaled 8,083 homers; 10 of the top 11 sluggers in baseball history, all the deceased Sultan of Swat, Babe Ruth.

Aaron, the only man to top Ruth's 714, predicted Bonds (currently at 681) will surpass his mark.

"It won't bother me a bit," Hammerman Hank said.

## MLB scoreboard

### American League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct
New York	25	11	.694
Boston	21	15	.583
Tampa Bay	22	14	.611
Baltimore	17	19	.472
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	26	8	.764
Minnesota	22	12	.646
Cleveland	18	16	.524
Seattle	17	17	.500
Kansas City	14	20	.410

### West Division

	W	L	Pct
Texas	29	3	.906
Oakland	17	15	.529
Anaheim	17	15	.529
Houston	12	20	.377

### Monday's games

Tuesday's game			
	W	L	Pct
All-Star Game (Houston)	7	3	.700

### Wednesday's games

Tuesday's game			
	W	L	Pct
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit	45	41	.524
Baltimore at Kansas City	22	12	.646
Seattle at Anaheim	17	17	.500
Chicago White Sox at Oakland	14	20	.410

### National League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	25	11	.694
Atlanta	22	14	.611
Florida	21	15	.583
St. Louis	17	19	.472
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	26	8	.764
Chicago	22	12	.646
San Diego	18	16	.524
Montreal	17	17	.500
Pittsburgh	14	20	.410

### West Division

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	28	5	.849
San Francisco	22	12	.646
San Diego	18	16	.524
Arizona	14	20	.410

### Monday's games

Tuesday's game			
	W	L	Pct
All-Star Game (Houston)	7	3	.700

### Wednesday's games

Tuesday's game			
	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia at Atlanta	22	12	.646
St. Louis at Cincinnati	17	17	.500
Montreal at Colorado	14	20	.410
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs	17	17	.500
San Francisco at Los Angeles	14	20	.410

# Manager Williams on hot seat in Houston

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Carlos Beltran left a team that was 15½ games out of first place for one that believed he was the missing piece for its last-ditch effort to get to the World Series.

Turns out, Beltran might be no closer to the postseason in Houston than he was in Kansas City.

"I can't believe it," Beltran said Monday at an All-Star Game news conference. "It's like nothing is going our way. We need to start moving in the division because time is running out. We need to change the way we play the game."

Left unsaid was whether those changes need to start with manager Jimmy Williams.

Speculation about Williams' job security intensified Monday, a day after the Astros lost their sixth game in eight days to finish the first half of the season in fifth place in the NL Central. The Astros are 10½ games behind division leader St. Louis. That's the first time they've faced a double-digit deficit in the standings at the break in 11 seasons.

That's a remarkable disappointment for a team that was a preseason favorite to go to the World Series and led the division for the first month and a half of the season. The All-Star break couldn't have come at a better time for a slumping team, or a worse one for a manager on the hot seat.

"Maybe what this club needs is a little break," said Williams, who is one of the NL's All-Star team's coaches. "No, we're not getting the results that we want. We know that. We know where we are and what we have to do. Maybe we can get this thing turned around."

Astros owner Drayton McLane and General Manager Gerry Hunsicker have publicly expressed support for the embattled manager, but their criticism may be waning as the Astros' chances of catching the Cardinals slowly slip away.

Williams has guided the Astros to two second-place finishes, losing the division race last season in the final week. Much more was expected this season with the free-agent signings of former New York Yankees teammates Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.

Houston has failed to deliver thus far.

"It's been very disappointing," Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "Obviously, we thought we'd be playing a lot better at this point than we are right now."

The Astros have been surprisingly sluggish on offense, ranking only 19th in the majors in scoring. Their highly touted pitching staff has struggled as both Andy Pettitte and Wade Miller have spent time on the disabled list. And Beltran hasn't been the quick fix they expected — the All-Star center fielder is hitting .263.

# Big Unit open to trade to contender

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Randy Johnson would consider waiving his no-trade clause if the Arizona Diamondbacks want to deal him to a contender.

After deflecting inquiries about a deal for 30 minutes during the National League All-Star player availability Monday, the Big Unit finally answered the big question.

"I haven't been approached by the Diamondbacks yet to waive my no-trade clause," he said. "The only way I would probably want to leave would be that I'm benefiting the Diamondback in leaving. I think I'd be doing that because they wouldn't have to pay my salary — it could go toward helping somewhere else."

Johnson, a five-time Cy Young Award winner, said the last-place Diamondbacks also would benefit from "the players they get in return."

In Anaheim, Boston and the New York Yankees appear to be the most likely candidates for a deal with the Diamondbacks, a major league worst 31-58 at the All-Star break, 18½ games behind NL West-leading Los Angeles.

"Obviously, it would have to be a situation as such that it's going to work for me. This is the only way," Johnson said. "I'm not going to leave to go somewhere else to theoretically have a

chance to win. It's going to have to be something that... means that... have a chance to win, that's the only way."

Johnson, asked what his thoughts were about his memories of trips to Boston's North End, joked about it.

"I was really torn between the Boston clam chowder and the Manhattan clam chowder," he said.

Arizona has refused to say whether it plans to deal Johnson. The deadline to make deals without waivers is July 31.

"I don't have any comment at all at this time," Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said Monday.

Johnson, co-MVP of Arizona's seven-game World Series victory over the Yankees in 2001, said his goal was to get back to the World Series.

"That's why we all play," he said.

The 40-year-old left-hander, who pitched a perfect game at Atlanta on May 18, is making \$16 million this season and is due \$16 million in 2005, the final year of

his deal. He said he does not want a new contract as part of waiving his rights to block a trade.

"Reading that I want an extension, that's the only way that I would accept a trade, is absolutely incorrect," he said. "Saying that I would be willing to go to Anaheim because I've got a house there 20 minutes [from the ballpark] is absolutely incorrect."

Johnson, 10-7 with a 2.99 ERA and a major league-leading 145 strikeouts, repeatedly said he was irritated by the public discussion of a possible trade.

"I live in Arizona. I like it in Arizona. My children go to school in Arizona," he said.

"How about, I don't want to leave Arizona?" he was asked.

"I don't know if I could say that," he said.

Former Diamondbacks teammate Curt Schilling, Johnson's World Series co-MVP, wouldn't say whether he's lobbying Johnson to go to Boston. Schilling talks frequently with Johnson and their families planned to spend time together in Houston.

Yankees players have made clear they want Johnson in the Bronx.

New York's payroll would approach \$200 million if it acquires Johnson.

"The only issue is Bernie [Williams] is number 51," Alex Rodriguez said, jokingly. "There's no question he would be welcomed."

Johnson

## SPORTS

## Troon links the majors

Course akin to Shinnecock Hills features punishing bunkers, wind on a track dominated by Americans

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — First, a U.S. Open that looked like it belonged in Britain. Next up is a British Open played on a true links that has been dominated by Americans.

About the only thing that makes sense in this unusual year for major championships is the caliber of players winning them, which signals the most parity at the top since Tiger Woods first began to dominate golf.

Nine players have won the past nine majors going into the 133rd British Open at Royal Troon, which includes six of the top 10 players in the world ranking. Missing from that group is Vijay Singh, whom many believe has been the best player over the past 18 months.

Phil Mickelson finally captured his first major with a brilliant back nine at Augusta National and an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the Masters. He almost won the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, too, until he was done in by a three-putt from 5 feet on the 71st hole that left him two shots behind Retief Goosen.

As for Woods? He has been closer to the cut line than contention in the first two majors, extending his drought to 0-for-8 in the Grand Slam events and maintaining the party line that his game is close — close to what, no one is quite sure.

"Golf is waiting for someone to step out and take charge other than Tiger," Tom Lehman said. "There is a number of guys who have been there a lot, yet no one has gone out and taken it."

Mickelson wasn't sure if the parity is greater than it has been in a while, saying it was a tough question to answer.

"But it's fun that we can ask it," he

added.

Some answers might be available this week at Royal Troon, the second of three consecutive majors being played on links-styled courses. The PGA Championship is at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.

Some players might wonder if they ever left Shinnecock Hills last month.

Both courses have troublesome bunkers lining the fairways and protecting the green. Both have fairways framed by brownish natural grasses that look like miniature wheat fields. The most dangerous hole on both courses is also the shortest —

a par 3, which at Royal Troon is the famous "Postage Stamp" hole measuring 123 yards.

The good news for the players? The U.S. Golf Association is only in town as a guest.

Mickelson played a practice round at Royal Troon a week before the British Open and declared it to be in sensational shape and a tough, but fair, test of golf.

"But then again, so did Shinnecock the week before," he said.

The USGA was so determined to protect par at the U.S. Open that it stopped watering the greens. On an overcooked course, no one broke par in the final round and 28 players failed to break 80.

Despite heavy rain in recent weeks, the rough is not awful at Royal Troon and the fairways and greens are husher than usual for a British Open. The Royal & Ancient prefers to let wind — the strongest defense on any links — dictate scoring, and it doesn't lose sleep if the winning score resembles the John Deere Classic.

"It's not as tricked up as the other three majors, and I think the players realize that," Davis Love III said.

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Australia's McEwen wins his second stage of the Tour; Armstrong finishes in main pack, Page 27

## Towering Tejada



Orioles shortstop Miguel Tejada celebrates winning the All-Star Home Run Derby in Houston on Monday. He hit a record 15 home runs in the second round and beat the Astros' Lance Berkman in the finals with five outs to spare. See story on Page 31.



Jones plummets to seventh, still advances to finals in long jump with shot to earn Olympic berth in the event

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Peirsol hands Phelps first loss of swim trials, winning 200 backstroke and breaking his own world record

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